

MARINES PREPARE FOR ATTACK

Your Home Town

NO DIFFERENCE.
And now, what difference does it make whether or not we had turkey or just plain chicken for Christmas dinner?

RUNNING FULL SWAY.
McKinney schools opened again Monday morning after a ten days' holiday recess. Usually school children regret to see resuming of school after Christmas vacation period, but Y. H. T. has not found many children over the city who were not ready to get down to work again. With such an excellent faculty, curriculum and the high standing of our schools, there is reason enough why our students are always ready to re-enter school after a holiday.

WHAT WE CALL FAITH.
If Y. H. T. did not like and have faith in his home city of McKinney, he would make other plans immediately. He may be old-fashioned, or whatever you wish to call it, but he is one of those who believes you owe something to the town responsible for your growth and your success. If McKinney has been responsible for your success and prosperity, don't you think you owe something to McKinney? You do. Then, why not, during 1928, be such a believer in your home town that you will work incessantly in its behalf and for its welfare?

ANOTHER THING.
Come, to think of it, there are few cities of McKinney's size, boasting as many new and modern and up-to-date churches as our own city? However, a new church building doesn't always mean a religious of our houses of worship will reveal the fact that they seem to be unimpaired of their magnificent church edifice in their reverence for the Creator. Which, we are reminded, is the true religious spirit. We should be mighty thankful for our splendid churches. And we are, however, an insight into any or all and reverent body of members.

ABOUT THE GARMENT FACTORY.
Local citizens rejoice that this city is soon to have a garment factory, beginning with a capital of \$40,000. The new factory, which will open up soon, will be located in the second story of the Elks club building, corner North Kentucky and West Hunt streets. Those citizens responsible for the locating of this new factory in McKinney are to be commended for their interest in this city's growth and welfare. More factories for McKinney mean bigger pay rolls for the city and more pay rolls mean more money in circulation; and more money in circulation means a steadily growing and enterprising city. We welcome the new factory to our city. Let's have more of them for McKinney during 1928.

COUNTY SUPT. S. C. STEPHENS NOTICE TO THE SCHOOLS

"We are just in receipt of a letter from L. A. Borden, chief supervisor of state schools, Austin, Texas, stating that the Rural School division of the Department of Education will send one of the county visitors, Jno. T. Conn, to our county for the purpose of visiting and inspecting the state aid schools. He will arrive to begin work Monday, January 9." County Superintendent S. C. Stephens said Tuesday. "It is essential that the trustees of each school meet the supervisor at the time of the visit to their school. "Just as soon as we can make a complete itinerary of each day's visiting we will again notify the teachers and trustees of our time of coming," said Prof. Stephens. The teachers are also notified to have their certificate at school on the day of the visit.

R. G. Love remains quite ill, which will be sorrowful news to his many friends.

Texas Sheriff and Deputy Ambushed

SHERIFF MAY DIE OF BULLET WOUND; IS IN HOSPITAL

NACOGDOCHES, Jan. 4.—Added mystery is connected with the shooting of Sheriff T. G. Vaughn, 50, and Deputy Carl Butler, 48, early today grew deeper as the sheriff fought for his life in a hospital, without regaining consciousness. Butler refused to make a statement on the shooting other than the pair was ambushed. He had gone to the home of Sheriff Vaughn about 1 a. m. and the sheriff had returned to the Butler home, two miles south of Nacogdoches. The shooting took place at Eggnog Branch as they neared the house. Sheriff Vaughn was rushed to a hospital and placed on the operating table, with a bullet through his abdomen. Butler's arm was fractured by a bullet. The sheriff, widely known for his relentless war on bootleggers throughout the county, has been in office for about five years. Butler has been his deputy for four years. The two were warm friends and were preparing to make a raid early Wednesday, according to the belief of fellow-officers, who supported the statement of Butler that the pair had been ambushed.

MISS MOZELLE HAYES GUEST MR. AND MRS. H. E. MORGAN

Miss Mozelle Hayes visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Morgan in McKinney as she was en route from a visit to her parents at Farmersville to her present home at Fort Stockton, Texas. Miss Hayes formerly held a position with the abstract concern of Henry Miller and H. A. Abernathy of this city for two or three years, during which time she resided in the Morgan home. She has many good friends in this city. She holds a good position in an abstract concern at Fort Stockton. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayes of Farmersville.

RAYMOND EARL BIRMINGHAM WEDS GIRL AT DEL RIO

The following interesting marriage announcement has been received by friends of the groom in McKinney: Mrs. Myrtle Hanamer announces the marriage of her daughter, Leola, to Mr. Raymond Earl Birmingham on Sunday, December 25, 1927, Del Rio, Texas. At home 5506 Miller avenue, Dallas.

Reared in McKinney.
The groom, Raymond Earl Birmingham, was born near McKinney and reared in this city, graduating from our high school and then going to the state university at Austin, where he later graduated. He is the son of Mrs. Una Birmingham of this city. Since his graduation from State university, Raymond has held a responsible position in the business offices of the Texas Power & Light Co. at Dallas, in which city the young couple will reside as stated in the above announcement.

The young groom and bride spent New Year's day in McKinney as guests of his mother at her home on North Church street. Raymond is a young man of worthy character, strict integrity, who is well equipped from an educational standpoint for achieving success in life. These editors join with the many other old home friends of the family in wishing him and his fair young bride the utmost measure of happiness and prosperity in their wedded life.

Judge G. R. Smith has a professional card in our papers. He is a pioneer at the McKinney bar, one of the county's and state's best-known attorneys. For the past ten years Mr. Smith has been associated with Hon. W. R. Abernathy, the firm being Smith & Abernathy. Mr. Smith retains his office in the Newsome building, southwest corner of the square.

John Stout, Route 2, Nevada, will read The Democrat-Gazette during 1928. We thank him for his subscription.

COTTON

Cotton is selling from 19 to 19.75 cents per pound. Cotton seed is worth \$44 per ton. Cotton receipts totaled 12,235 bales.

SHIP GOES DOWN; 250 ABOARD

Nearly 2,000 Cars Registered In This County

Approximately 1,800 passenger cars and 250 trucks have been registered up to Wednesday, January 4, N. D. Tracy, deputy tax collector, said Wednesday. Last year about 8,500 automobiles were registered in this county, thus showing the large number yet to be registered in this county.

Mr. Tracy said that after the last day of January, a 25 percent tax will be added to all automobile registrations, unless affidavit is made that the cars have remained in the garage or elsewhere, and have not been driven during January.

Mr. Tracy said about 200 cars were registered Tuesday.

ANOTHER MODERN SHOE STORE WILL OPEN HERE SOON

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Bone are in Dallas today perfecting arrangements for the opening of the new J. F. Bone exclusive shoe store on the north side of the public square. For fourteen years Mr. Bone was associated with R. L. Ray in the Bone & Ray shoe store on the west side of the public square. As before announced in these columns, Mr. Bone recently disposed of his interest in that store to R. L. Ray. Mr. Bone has made a success in the shoe business. He and Mrs. Bone erected one of the best modern residences in the city as a home on North Church street.

Mr. Bone expects to open up an exclusive shoe store in the next few days that will be quite a credit to our city and will give McKinney added prestige as a retail shoe town.

He is having his building remodelled preparatory for the installation of new fixtures and for the reception of a brand new stock of shoes for men, women and children to suit every pocketbook and retail need of this trade territory.

SAYS WEEKLY IS BEST PAPER IN THE STATE

Mrs. C. T. Wright of Lockney, Texas, sends in her subscription to The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for the ensuing year. Enclosed with her subscription she says "Find enclosed money order for one year's subscription to the best county paper in the state—The Democrat-Gazette. It is always as welcome as a letter from home." Thanks, Mrs. Wright, for your patronage and kind words.

R. P. Spurgin, a mighty fine man and good farmer of the Lucas community, smiled in on us Wednesday renewing for The Daily Courier-Gazette. He has long been a good friend and reader of our paper. We sincerely thank Mr. Spurgin.

Col. Dan Cupid Busy During 1927; Dispels 'In The Springtime' Idea, Busiest During Fall and Winter

Col. Dan Cupid, that spry and handsome youth who is ever on the alert the world over and who causes the hearts of many a young man to become so frustrated he can hardly talk and that of the young maiden to go pit-a-pat, was certainly on the job in Collin county during 1927, judging from records in County Clerk Miss Minnie Burrage's office.

Checking over the number of licenses issued during 1927, this representative of The Daily Courier-Gazette and The Weekly Democrat-Gazette Wednesday found that a total of 536 permits to wed had been issued by Miss Burrage and her assistants during the year just coming to a close.

Dispels Old Idea.
An examination of the number of marriage permits issued each month disproves the theory that "in the springtime a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

IT IS BELIEVED ALL DROWNED IN MARINE DISASTER

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—With 250 on board, the Ogoza, Russian steamer, went down in the Black sea, dispatches from Constantia said today. An unconfirmed report said all aboard had been drowned, including fifty students. The dispatches said the Ogoza sprang a leak in a heavy storm off Novorossiok en route between there and Nikolayevsk. The ship sank before the passengers could reach the boats. Other steamers arrived after the disaster.

CONDITION PROF. J. S. CARLISLE IS BETTER WEDNESDAY

Prof. J. S. Carlisle's condition is somewhat improved today. He has been bedfast since Sunday morning with an illness bordering on pneumonia. However, he had a fairly good night's rest last night and the attending physician thinks that his condition will continue to improve until he is well again.

Mr. Carlisle has been superintendent of McKinney public schools for about thirteen years, during which time the rating of McKinney schools has advanced almost to the top of the list of high schools in affiliation with the State Department of Education.

Prof. Carlisle is a wonderful school superintendent and executive. Under his superintendency and with the assistance of an efficient corps of principals and other members of faculty, numbering more than seventy, both white and colored teachers in the city, our schools are now standing at the height of their reputation for efficiency and public favor in all our school history.

GUESTS OF REV. AND MRS. G. B. AIRHART

Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Airhart had the following guests Monday: Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Nichols of Celina, and their daughter, Mrs. E. H. Hodge and three children, Aline, Glen and J. J. Nichols, who is in the navy at Hampton Roads, Va.; Mrs. Robert L. Duke and daughter, Jessie Grace Giles of Houston. Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Nichols are sisters.

Mrs. J. H. Davis Renews.

We are in receipt of a post office money order from Mrs. J. H. Davis of near Princeton, to send the Weekly Democrat-Gazette for several months in advance to W. W. Dugger, Route 4, Hillsboro.

L. B. Angle Renews.

L. B. Angle, a substantial resident of Route 3, Allen, renews his fidelity to the Weekly Democrat-Gazette for 1928. Thanks, Mr. Angle.

About 3,000 Poll Taxes Paid Here Up To Wednesday

According to Tax Collector A. T. Raper and Clint Lewis, deputy in the tax collector's office, approximately 3,000 Collin county citizens had paid their poll tax up to Wednesday. Residents of this city and county have until the last day of January to pay their poll taxes. In election years when more poll taxes are paid than usual, from 12,000 to 14,000 are usually paid. Mr. Raper said, the highest being something over 14,000. A rush is expected from now until the last day of this month by persons desiring to pay their poll tax.

JOE M. CONNOR TO ENTER SHOE BUSINESS HERE



JOE M. CONNOR

R. L. Ray announces that Joe M. Connor, who recently accepted a position in a big shoe store at Durant, Okla., will return to McKinney and again become connected with his shoe store here. Mr. Connor was almost reared in a shoe store and is regarded as one of the best shoe men and salesmen in this section of the state. He was connected with the Bone & Ray shoe store for ten years before going to Durant, two or three months ago.

R. L. Ray recently purchased the interest of his partner, Jesse F. Bone, in the Bone & Ray shoe store and now sells an interest in the business to his son, Leonard Ray and Mr. Connor. The style of the new firm will be Ray, Connor & Ray, with Joe M. Connor and Leonard Ray associated as active managers in charge. R. L. Ray, the senior member of the firm, will retain his office in the store and also add his counsel as well as his financial backing to the conduct of the business.

R. L. Ray is a veteran life insurance man of this city, representing the Southwestern Life Insurance company. He is also a member of the big local fire insurance firm of Waller, Ray & Ray. McKinney will gladly welcome Joe Connor back to its business circles and wishes him and his firm much success in their mercantile association. This exclusive shoe store is one of the oldest established businesses in McKinney. It was established thirty-nine years ago, by W. P. Suttle, now of Houston, who conducted it for twenty-five years, before selling it to Bone & Ray, who have conducted it for the past fourteen years.

Mrs. M. L. Foote Renews.

Mrs. M. L. Foote, Route 1, Royce City, Texas, sends us \$1.00 check and asks that we continue the Weekly Democrat-Gazette to their address during 1928. Many thanks Mrs. Foote.

Our good friend, J. Fox Robinson sends us his renewal to the Weekly Democrat-Gazette to keep the paper coming to his address, Route 2, Anna. Thanks, Mr. Robinson.

MRS. G. G. HOUSTON CLAIMED BY DEATH AT GAINESVILLE

Dr. D. F. Houston went to Gainesville this (Wednesday) afternoon in response to an announcement that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Giles G. Houston, had died at her home there at 1 o'clock this morning. The deceased had been bedfast for nearly five years with heart trouble and her death had been expected for some time, since deceased.

Her maiden name was Frankie Daugherty, daughter of Frank Daugherty and a sister of the late W. H. Daugherty of Gainesville. She was born in Gainesville January 10, 1862, where she grew to young womanhood, and was united June 2, 1880, to Giles G. Houston of McKinney. She came to McKinney as a bride and resided here for sixteen years, when she and her husband moved to Gainesville, where they have since resided.

She is survived by her heart-broken husband and three children—one son, Giles D. Houston of Pasadena, Calif., and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Kellam of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Jack Snyder of Charleston, West Virginia.

The deceased was a life-long member of the Methodist church and a noble, sweet spirited character, whose life radiated sunshine, hope, and love all about her. She was a faithful church worker and a kind and sympathetic neighbor. Her passing is mourned by many McKinney relatives and friends.

She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. M. M. Nelson and Mrs. John R. Brown and of Dr. D. F. Houston, all of McKinney and of Cebe A. Houston of Dallas. The burial will probably not take place before Saturday afternoon in order to give her absent children time to arrive at Gainesville for the obsequies.

MRS. J. H. ALLEN CLAIMED BY DEATH; BURIED AT MCKINNEY

Following a two weeks illness, Mrs. J. H. Allen, aged 72 years, quietly passed away at her home in this city Tuesday night. Surrounding her bed when the end came were her children.

Funeral services were held in the Plano Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by her former pastor, Rev. A. L. Clinkenbeard. Following the services at the church the remains were conveyed by the Keller-Crouch auto to Pecan Grove cemetery at near McKinney, where interment was made by the graveside of her husband, who preceded her to the great beyond five years ago.

Deceased was formerly Miss Laura Cullum. She was a native of Tennessee, and was married in that state to J. H. Allen. Coming to Texas as they first settled at Cleburne, later moving to Plano, where they resided for a few years and then moved to McKinney. Several years ago they moved to Oklahoma, where they resided for a few years, but returned to Plano about 8 years ago.

Deceased had been a member of the Christian church since childhood. Deceased is survived by four sons and two daughters, as follows: W. A. Allen, Wapauwauka, Okla.; Ed C. Allen, Carl Allen and Mrs. Laura Atkinson, Plano; A. M. Allen, Sr., Louis and Mrs. Chas. T. Kent, Enid, Okla. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. G. W. Smith, of San Benito, Texas, to mourn her departure.

Pallbearers were: Active—J. T. Horn, John Haggard, J. W. Shepard, Sr., M. Forman, Tom Andrews and Dr. W. D. Ellis.

Honorary pallbearers—J. G. Thompson, W. O. Haggard, Guy M. Rice, Fred Harrington, Sr., Wm. Forman, C. J. Matthews, Joe Rice, J. W. Shepard, Jr., R. A. Davis, J. H. Harrington, R. C. Clark, W. A. Stanley, W. G. Langford and A. P. Hugheson.

The funeral yesterday afternoon was largely attended and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.—Plano Star-Courier.

Miss Wilma Copeland is spending the week-end with her brother and family in Dallas.

PLANES DROP BOMBS UPON REBELS' CAMP

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 4.—After their severe bombing attack by planes, United States Marines prepared today to storm the position of the strongly entrenched rebel general, Augusto Sandino.

Sandino, with a well trained force estimated at 1,000 men, held a strong position at El Chipote, in the mountains of the Octotal region.

The marines under Lieut. Moses J. Gould, were operating out of Quilali, fifteen miles away, which they captured last Friday.

Marine planes bombed the rebel positions unceasingly Monday and yesterday. It was believed they had done heavy damage.

The planes flew low over the Sandino lines, picking their targets and dropping twenty-pound fragmentation bombs with deadly accuracy. They reported the execution of their direct hits was tremendous.

NOCONA MAN WAS VICTIM HI-JACKERS NORTH OF MCKINNEY

Dorris Williams of Nocona was held up on the McKinney-Sherman pike about a mile and a half north of McKinney on Christmas eve night by two highwaymen who relieved him of fifteen dollars in cash.

Young Mr. Williams, who was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams of near Verona, was en route to McKinney to meet an uncle who was to arrive here on the interurban for a visit. He came through Melissa towards McKinney driving an Oldsmobile closed car.

When approaching McKinney, he noticed a Ford touring car standing cross-wise of the concrete slab highway and man signalling for him to stop. He did so and found himself looking down the barrel of a big ugly looking gun with instructions to "stick 'em up." He promptly complied while the gunman's partner rifled his pockets. After getting the money, the hijackers drove rapidly away northward towards Sherman. Young Mr. Williams states that one of the highwaymen looked to be about thirty-five, while the other was more boyish in appearance. The victim of the robbery came on into town, but on account of the lateness of the hour, could not locate an officer and therefore failed to report the crime.

A. & M. MAN TO GIVE PRUNING LESSONS HERE

Some time ago an announcement appeared in these papers concerning Mr. Roseborough of the extension department of the A. & M. college, who announced some pruning demonstrations in this county and lectures on the care of the orchard. Mr. Roseborough will be here tomorrow (Thursday) and at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning will give a demonstration on the Clint Harrington farm at Lebanon. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock he will give a demonstration on the B. Hickey farm at Foote and Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock on the B. E. Welch farm a similar demonstration will be given.

The general public is invited to attend. These demonstrations are being promoted through the co-operation of this Chamber of Commerce with the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the movement.

MRS. WILL BURGESS SUBMITS TO OPERATION

Mrs. Will Burgess submitted to a serious operation in the McKinney City hospital at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. At 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon attending physicians said her condition was as well as could be expected. Her many friends hope that she will soon be well on the road to recovery.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature.
Maximum today, 41.
Minimum today, 14.
Maximum yesterday, 26.
Minimum yesterday, 13.

Barometer readings from Coffey Bros. Drug store are as follows:
30.22 at 7 p. m. yesterday.
30.22 at 8 a. m. today.
30.20 at 1 p. m. today.
Partly cloudy and warmer.

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PHONES 64 and 65.

McKinney, Texas.

Write it 1928. Make no mistake.

Do your trading in McKinney during

1928.

How inevitably does an immoderate

laughter end in a sigh.—South.

Be proud of our schools and

churches. Excellent school systems and

churches make larger cities

larger.

The new court house looks bet-

ter the more we look at it. Every-

body is glad now that we have a

new court house.

In Parker's Paragraphs in the

Sherman Democrat, we read: Lind-

bergh makes the trail, but at that

it is hard to follow.

Knowing that 1928 is chuck full

of politics, better subscribe for one

of these papers and keep posted on

events and happenings.

On these cold, wintry nights, we

don't know what we would do with-

out our radio. They are a great

means of entertainment.

The McKinney Chamber of Com-

merce has your best interests at

heart. Why not join at once, if you

are not already a member?

The McKinney public schools have

opened for 1928 with nearly 2,500

children. No city in Texas has bet-

ter public schools than McKinney.

We believe Texas is the grandest

and best state in the union. Don't

you? There are hundreds of rea-

sons to substantiate such a claim.

too.

All Texas congratulates the Waco

High school upon virtually winning

the national high school champion-

ship from Cleveland, Ohio, recent-

ly, 44 to 12.

Don't knock, fume, fuss and cuss

during 1928. If you did this during

1927, canvass yourself and see if it

did you any good. It did not. Neit-

her will it during 1928.

The cheery, friendly candidates

are among us. Treat them kindly,

courteously and cheer them on. It

costs you nothing; it may make their

paths look more rosy.

The McKinney Examiner says: Pat

Mayse is now president of the Red

River Valley Fair association, which

leads us to get busy and say, "Pat

you know me," maybe we will get

a free pass. Come across Pat.

Several business changes in Mc-

Kinney on the first. No better town

in the world, to its size, to do

business in than McKinney. If you'll

get up and push the business. No

business pushes itself these progres-

sive days.

Lindbergh is doing much to knit

into closer and more friendly rela-

tions the United States with other

governments, including Mexico and

Central American states. "The good

will ambassador" is a title which

the young colonel has rightfully been

called.

Few of us have any real cause

to complain of 1927. Most of our

failures are due to ourselves and

not to the world in general. One

thing you can do and that is to

make 1928 a better year for your-

self and the rest of the world in

general.

In the recent game between pick-

ed players from the East and the

West, played in Los Angeles, the

West won, 16 to 6. Four of the

outstanding stars hailed from Tex-

as—Rugg Matthews of T. C. U., Hunt

of A. & M., Mann of S. M. U. and

Sikes of A. & M. Of such an out-

standing nature was the Texans'

playing, that many of the larger

papers of the nation carried in bold

headlines, the day after the game:

"Texans 16; East 6."

All the boys and girls have re-

turned to college, after spending the

holidays at home. They had a fine

time at home, too.

If you'll trade in McKinney this

year you will save money and help

your home town merchants out.

Start the new year by being a home

builder.

We can tell Christmas has al-

ready come and gone, because of

the large assortment of gaily-colored

and flaming neck ties being worn.

However, if it was not for the usual

number of Christmas ties, we don't

see for the life of us how we would

ever get stocked up with a fresh

supply of neckwear.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS

A town whose business men knock each other instead of pulling together will never become a city. The interests of the business men and that of the citizens of the entire community are practically the same, and they can never build up by wasting their energy tearing each other down, says the Sherman Democrat. And that is that and plenty of it. If people gave more attention to helping instead of knocking, the skidding wheels of business would begin to "take hold," and the car of progress would move at a speed that would make the motor car climb a pole.—McKinney Examiner.

PLANO, 1928, AND YOURSELF.

When you read this there will still remain of the year 1927 only about three more days. In other words, 1927 is about finished. Just around the corner lurks 1928. And the one all-important question uppermost in our minds is: "What does the new year hold for me?" To such a question we would merely say that the new year will be what you make it—nothing more, nothing less. We may have some regrets for the year 1927—in fact, we all have; that is only natural. But why worry and fret over things which "might have been." Your worrying will not make them come true and, besides, will weaken you in your efforts toward things that are worth while. The thing to do, is to forget failures and shortcomings of the past year as much as possible, and turn your eyes toward the new year with renewed energy and determination to succeed, to do what's right, to make this life a life that is really worth living. Vain optimism? We do not even suggest such a thing. Of course life in 1928 will not be perfect to any of us—we would be untrue in trying to make you believe it so. What we do wish to impress upon you is the fact that 1928 will be successful, profitable and enjoyable for you in proportion to your attitude on life during the coming year and the amount of good you do and the happiness you spread as you travel along life's pathway. Fortunately we are to live in such a grand little city as Plano, whose citizenship is among the finest in the world. Make more friends during the new year. Be a better friend yourself during 1928. Spread happiness 366 days of the new year. Look yourself in your efforts to spread cheer and good will. Make this life really worth living. Make 1928 the most successful and happiest year of your life. This will be so if you observe the above mentioned rules. What do you say? If you don't think you're fortunate, look about you—and then see, by the contrast, how contented you should be. Whether the next twelve months spell success and contentment rests entirely with you. What are you going to make 1928? The matter rests entirely with you.—Plano Star-Courier.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our dear friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the death of our darling baby, Colesta Evelyn Douglas. We thank them for the beautiful flowers and every kind deed. May the Lord bless each and everyone in our sincere wish. Her parents and grandparents, MR. AND MRS. RAY DOUGLAS, MR. AND MRS. J. K. NOLES.

IN MEMORY OF DR. MATTHEW S. METZ, MCKINNEY, TEXAS.

The Collin County Medical Association has adopted the following resolution in respect to the memory of the late Dr. M. S. Metz: Whereas, it has pleased almighty God to call from our midst our co-worker and friend, who has been a member of this society for a number of years, and, Whereas, on October 27, 1927 at about 8:30 in the morning his soul was beckoned to the world beyond, and, Whereas, he was much esteemed by all, and especially the medical fraternity of Collin county, therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend condolence and sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives, and that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this society, a copy be sent to the family and one to the press.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. ERWIN,
P. D. ROBASON.

W. H. BUSH DIED
MONDAY NIGHT
IN BALTIMORE

Rev. R. D. Shults of this city received a telegram from Baltimore announcing the death of his wife's uncle, Walter H. Bush, which occurred in the Johns Hopkins hospital in that city last (Monday) night. The deceased had been a patient in that institution for two or three weeks. His wife was with him when he passed away.

The deceased was president of the First National bank at Greenville, Texas, where he had lived for forty-five years. He was born and reared near Allen, and was a brother of the late L. W. Bush. He succeeded the late John L. Lovejoy as president of the First National bank of Greenville.

Los Angeles Man
Visits Little
Daughter Here

Darcy L. Cagle of Los Angeles, left Tuesday after spending the holidays in McKinney visiting with relatives. He is a brother of S. C. Cagle, who lives about four miles south of McKinney, and also a brother of Mrs. Una Brimingham of this city, who is a saleslady in the L. V. Graves Dry Goods establishment.

Mr. Cagle's little 12-year-old daughter, LaVon Cagle, makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. Brimingham, here in McKinney, and it was a joyous Christmas to her to have her daddy with her. During the holidays Mr. Cagle, his little daughter, LaVon, and his brother, S. C. Cagle, all motored out to Crosbyton in West Texas, where they visited another brother, John Cagle and family who live out there.

Darcy L. Cagle is a traveling salesman, whose trade territory includes much of Texas.

A. J. Commons Produce Co. is advertising for a car load of fat hens, and will pay cash. They will buy your eggs and other country produce. Mighty good people to deal with. Read their ad and call on them.

Luther Chesney, of Route 1, McKinney, will keep up with the local happenings in Collin county by reading The Weekly Democrat-Gazette during 1928. We thank Mr. Chesney for his subscription.

Smith's
Used Cars

In our showroom you'll find many splendid Used Cars, in A-1 mechanical condition and shining and new as you could ask for. We're "cleaning house" now, and want to dispose of these excellent buys in a hurry. Just realize what these prices mean!

1927 Chevrolet Coupe, almost a new car, list \$785, now \$535.

1926 Chevrolet Coupe, Duco paint, good rubber, \$455.

1926 Chevrolet touring, Duco paint, good rubber, \$365.

Chevrolet Coach, late model, new, \$125 under list.

1926 Ford Coupe, looks and runs like new, \$345.

1 Dodge Bros. Sedan, A-1 condition, \$635.

Late model Chevrolet roadster, \$275.

1 Essex Coach, new rubber, \$365.

C. J. Smith
HOUSE OF BARGAINSC. M. Grandberry
Manager Dobson
& Company Store

C. M. Grandberry has lately located in McKinney as the manager of the Dobson & Co. store in the Crouch square. Mr. Grandberry's home is at Texarkana. Later he will move his family here.

Mr. Grandberry succeeds C. L. Holway who has gone to Greenville and joined his brother in the establishment of a general merchandise store.

Mr. Grandberry said the Dobson & Co. store enjoyed a splendid increase in business during the last year and anticipates a good business during 1928.

FEDERAL COURT
MEETS AT SHERMAN

The United States District court of the Eastern District of Texas, including Collin county, convened in the Federal building at Sherman Monday, with Judge Estes presiding. District Attorney Ralph Bryant is representing the government. United States Marshal Phil E. Bear of Paris is attending the court. District Clerk Paul Kern is acting as clerk of the court and Miss Helen Matthews as stenographer.

The following Collin county citizens are on the Federal grand jury: Charles C. Aldridge, Plano; C. S. O'Brien, Collins; L. B. Gorth, Anna; Arch Ellis and Henry C. Burlew, McKinney; Charles J. Hike, C. H. Bean and W. M. Shaw, Farmersville.

A. G. (Pat) Mayse, formerly of McKinney, general manager of the Sherman Democrat of Sherman, is a grand juror.

GEORGE C. BISHOP
DIES IN TENNESSEE

Word has been received here of the death of George C. Bishop, aged 76 years, 4 months, at Powell Station, Tenn., which occurred on December 23. He was buried in Tennessee, as was his request. Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary L. Dickerson of Houston, Texas, and by one brother, John M. Bishop, of Knoxville, Tenn. Also a number of nieces and nephews. His nieces here are Mrs. Annie Wills, Mrs. Gladys Harrington and Mrs. Elizabeth Bush of McKinney. Mrs. Nannie Bishop of this city was a sister-in-law of the deceased.

Deceased formerly lived west of Plano in the Frankford community.—Plano Star-Courier.

INFANT GRANDSON
DIED IN DALLAS

Robert Andrew Moore, three weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Moore, died in Dallas Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore in Dallas. Ernest Moore is a son of Mrs. K. A. Moore of this city where he was reared. His wife was formerly Miss Ruth Cline of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore have a host of friends in this city and county who greatly sympathize with them in the death of their infant son.

A. D. and E. Hope
Buy Restaurant

A. D. Hope and E. Hope have bought and remodeled the restaurant on South Tennessee street, run for many years by Vannie Crossnoe. A. D. Hope has resided in Farmersville for several years with his wife and two children, Miss Ora and Forrest, 15 and 16. They have moved to McKinney and Mrs. Hope and Miss Ora and Forrest with A. D. Hope, their father and uncle, E. Hope, will run the restaurant. E. Hope has had twenty-five years' experience, and is said to be a most successful restaurant man and cook. The place has been made new, sanitary and clean. The prices will be reasonable. They will have short orders of all kinds, barbecue their own meat and make their own pastries, all home cooking. They will be open from 5 a. m. to 11 p. m. We welcome these people to our city and call special attention to their ad in another part of this paper. The place will be strictly up-to-date in every manner.

MISS DORA WEATHERLY
ACCEPTS A POSITION
AT KAUFMAN, TEXAS

Miss Dora Weatherly has gone to Kaufman, Texas, to assume the position as bookkeeper with the A. Miles & Co., general merchandise firm of that city. Miss Weatherly, who is a daughter of David Weatherly, a highly esteemed old McKinney citizen, has been holding a similar position with Gilex McKinney store here for more than six years.

She is a young business woman of exceptional ability, efficiency and faithfulness. Her many home friends regret to see her leave our city but congratulate the Kaufman business firm that has succeeded in securing her services for the ensuing year.

P. T. Clark of Denton is visiting his daughter, Mrs. B. A. Willis and other relatives and friends in McKinney.

C. E. Crowder of Wheeler, Texas, will read the Democrat-Gazette another year. Thanks Mr. Crowder for your renewal.

L. M. Hight, Route 3, McKinney, sends in his renewal for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for another year at our special holiday rate. Thanks.

L. L. Savage of Lockney, Texas, renews for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette to January 1, 1929, for which we thank him. Mrs. Savage is a daughter of the late Jim Blackwell of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morgan of Brownwood, Texas, sends us check to pay for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette going to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gains, Route 5, Emory, Texas, which they send as a Christmas present to Mr. and Mrs. Gains.

A. L. Renfro, a fine young farmer who lives out on Route 5, drops in and renews for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette and Dallas News at our clubbing rate. We thank Mr. Renfro for his patronage assuring him that we greatly appreciate same.

Spencer S. Spearman, postmaster at Melissa, sends us the subscription of W. M. Feltz for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette and Semi-Weekly Farm News, both papers for \$1.50 at our special holiday clubbing rates.

C. R. Dunn, Route 1, Clear Lake, sends in his renewal for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for the ensuing year. In a note enclosed with his renewal he says: "I hardly see how I could do without your paper as I am able to keep up with the doings of McKinney, Collin county and the country at large." We appreciate these kind words, Mr. Dunn.

Arthur West and daughter from Haynesville, La., are visiting Uncle Tom Townsend and wife in this city. Arthur lived with Uncle Tom from 1902 to 1913 and he was a host of friends in this city who are glad to see him on his visit. They will also visit Editor Matt O'Neill in Frisco.

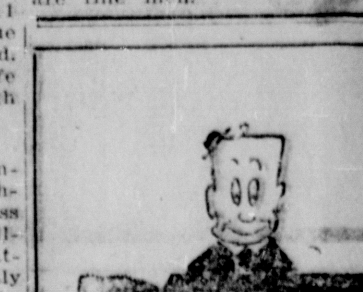
Lehman Hubert Hesley, 26 years old, a native of McKinney, but a resident of Dallas practically all his life, was found dead in his bed Saturday morning at his home, 611 South Storey street. Death was due to a heart attack, it is believed. Mr. Hesley is survived by his wife and a small daughter, Evelyn Ruth Hesley, both of Dallas.

Wesley Shields, well-known farmer of the Higgins community, southeast of Princeton, was a business visitor at this office Monday, calling to renew his Weekly Democrat-Gazette and Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News subscription for another year in advance, for which we thank him. Mr. Shields was accompanied to McKinney by Dillard Avey, another well-known farmer of the Higgins community.

John C. Reinhardt of Monterey, Mexico, has just left the Weaver home for his work as consulting chemist with the American Smelting and Refining company. He has been with this firm for over five years and is having promotions that come only to young men who work hard and faithfully. Mr. Reinhardt will be remembered by many of the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, since through a long period of years he has visited them. He is a graduate of Rice Institute. Dr. Weaver baptized him when he was a small lad during their pastorate in Texarkana. Dr. and Mrs. Weaver greatly enjoyed their holiday guest.

Dan E. Neathery of Farmersville, popular candidate for tax collector, was in the city Saturday and in

company with his brother Neathery of Haskell, Texas, ped in to see us a few minutes. They were pleased to enter Dan as a subscriber for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette. We had not seen for several years and were glad to see him. Dan and Steve are sons of Hon. Sam Neathery, county attorney of Collin county, are natives of Collin county and are fine men.



What's the use of a getting all dolled up and then going for a walk? The man who can't buy a car at these prices doesn't deserve a girl.

1926 Special Red Sedan originally sold for over \$1800. Wonderful condition, new tires, yet a sacrifice price \$895.

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COLLIN COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Condensed Statement at Close of Business, December 31, 1927

RESOURCES:

Loans & Discounts	\$ 416,513.09
Overdrafts	2,936.19
United States Bonds for Circulation	200,000.00
Real Estate, Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures	63,901.27
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,450.00
Commercial Paper	\$ 60,000.00
Call Loans	80,000.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	160,748.88
Due from City	2,716.71
Due from County	3,305.96
U. S. and Other Bonds (Owned)	493,258.91
Cash and Exchange	325,702.54
TOTAL	\$1,815,533.55

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	50,484.86
Circulation	200,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	4,000.00
Deposits	1,361,048.69
TOTAL	\$1,815,533.55

A Bank of Strength and Character

OFFICERS

L. A. Scott, President	J. P. Crouch, Vice Pres.
J. S. Heard, Vice Pres.	Henry W. Warden,
Thos. Johnson, V. P. & Cashier	Active V. P.
	E. L. Kissinger, Asst. Cashier

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Good Business Invited

CLIMAX

Miss Willard Millican, Cor.

Mrs. Ada Hunter and family of Colorado, Texas, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nolen. Miss Beulah Long and sister of Bonham recently visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Long. Mrs. Joe Nolen, Mrs. Calvin Willis and Miss Myrtle Long spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Snyder of Midway.

Mrs. G. Craver is attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Norah Cathoun of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ada Hunter and children of Colorado, Texas, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Toombs. R. T. Sisco, of near Nevada, filled his appointment here Sunday. He was accompanied by his son, Dallas, and his daughter, Mrs. Ruby Stephens, who is teaching at Rock Hill.

Miss Lucy Davis spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fisher spent Thursday night with Mrs. E. A. Miller.

Charlie Dodson of Clinton was a business visitor in our community last week.

Mrs. Ada Hunter of Colorado, after spending several days visiting relatives and friends here, left Saturday for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis of Midway spent Sunday night with J. H. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall are moving near Princeton on the farm owned by Dr. C. C. York. We regret losing these people from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Long and daughter, Miss Myrtle, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jess Viers of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCormick and sons, Alvin, Joe and Randolph of Higgins were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick of this place.

Mrs. Charlie Dodson and children of Clinton spent the holidays with J. P. Clay and family.

Miss Maple Gray returned home Thursday after a visit with Miss Willard Millican, near Copeville.

Mrs. E. Morrow of Farmersville spent the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. Ivy of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shipman and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shipman of this place spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman Long of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fisher and children spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fisher of Snow Hill.

Miss Lula Anglin and brothers, Elbert and Horace, of near Paducah, Texas, were visitors here Sunday night.

J. H. Davis and family spent Sunday in the home of I. B. Hayes and family of Millican.

Jim Cull and sister, Miss Marie of near Copeville were visitors in this community Sunday afternoon. Clarence Long of Snyder, Texas, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Langley of Culeoka, spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reece of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall of this place spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives near Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Shannon of Farmersville, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stroup and little son, Robert Marcus Jr., spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Todd of near Westminster.

Mrs. Rosa Woodall, Mrs. Effie Wilcox and daughter, Margaret Joe of Farmersville, were the guests of Mrs. E. A. Miller Monday afternoon.

Eld. R. T. Sisco of near Nevada, has an appointment to preach at

the Church of Christ Sunday, Jan. 1. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Melvin Long is moving into the house recently vacated by Sam Reeves and family.

Mrs. Mandy Anderson will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Long.

Mrs. Ada Hunter and children from Colorado, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Chambers.

Miss Lula Anglin of West Texas, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Myra Gray and children of Sherman are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. S. E. Gray spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Holland of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moreland visited his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Prior Moreland of Alto.

Mrs. Emma Craig of Greenville, visited her sister, Mrs. W. V. Miller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Langley of Culeoka are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. A. Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs had the following as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reece, Wombles; Mr. and Mrs. Crawley of McKinney; Mrs. Grace Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawley of McKinney.

Miss Marie Mills and brother of Copeville visited Misses Maple Gray and Suddie Bell Ivy Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis Morrow of Farmersville is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. R. Ivy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Osborne spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Compton of Sister Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nolen of Farmersville, spent Saturday night with his father, Henry Nolen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fisher spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of Snow Hill.

Mrs. W. V. Miller and S. E. Gray visited Mrs. C. C. Gray Tuesday.

FAYBURG

Miss Ola Mae Garner, Cor.

George H. Liphill and family of Blue Ridge have moved to our community. We welcome them here.

Mrs. Will Braswell of Frognot spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Rodgers.

Orlan Mulder and wife of Dorchest, Texas, are visiting Mr. Mulder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mulder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sims of Farmersville visited Mrs. Sims parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gracey Thursday afternoon.

Arthur Mulder and family of Blue Ridge have moved into our community.

Mrs. John Scott of near Durant, Okla., died, and was brought here for burial Friday afternoon at Snow Hill.

Earl Sims of Farmersville and Miss Willie Gracey of this community surprised their many friends by getting married at Farmersville Tuesday night, Dec. 20 at the Christmas party. We wish them a long and happy wedded life.

NEW HOPE

Cor. Mrs. W. C. Davidson.

Waldron Cooley, who is attending college at Norman, Okla., spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Cooley.

Mrs. Cooley and children took Christmas dinner with her daughters, Mrs. Cecil Speck and Mrs. Cecil Wylie of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens had the following children home during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Evans of Farmersville, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Self are entertaining a new girl since Tuesday. Mrs. Guy Simmons and little

daughter, of Fort Worth, took Christmas with her mother Mrs. De-witt Lambert.

Lee Davis and family visited Mrs. Davis' mother of Princeton recently.

Hunter Davidson of Vernon, visited his brother, Curtis Davidson a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Bullard, Lee Shain and wife all spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shain.

Dock Nicholas and family have moved from here to the Mt. Zion community.

A. D. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Miller, all visited their brother and

uncle, W. G. Drake of Enloe, who has been sick for some time.

A. D. Drake had the following children during the holidays: Mrs. J. Frank Roberts and family of Wichita Falls, Bob Drake and family of Halliday, Mrs. Cicero Miller and husband of Roland, Mrs. A. D. McGhee and children of Dallas.

Curtis Davidson, wife and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Miller, all attended the funeral of Will Griffin of North McKinney Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bomar of McKinney, took Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris.

The Altoza Basket Ball team came over and played New Hope Friday afternoon. The score was 1 and 22, in favor of Altoza.

Willie Dungan came in from College Station to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dungan.

A. D. Drake went to Wichita Falls to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. Frank Roberts and his son, Albert Drake of Electra.

Frank McMillan spent Christmas day with his grandfather, J. R. Nickerson of Branch.

FROGNOT

Mrs. Etta Rice, Correspondent.

Mrs. Nora Braswell and Miss Jewell Parkins spent Monday afternoon with Uncle Billy Phillips and family.

Mrs. J. W. Morris is attending the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Rominger of McKinney, who is very ill.

Mrs. Mike Boren and children and Miss Jewell Parkins were shopping in Farmersville Saturday.

R. D. Rice, wife and baby and Mrs. L. W. Walston attended the bedside of their sister, Mrs. L. C. Rominger of McKinney Tuesday.

Frank Bryan visited relatives at Copeville from Wednesday till Friday.

Wallace and Grady Rice and Finley Rominger of McKinney, were in our community Monday.

Carroll Wilson and family of Pilot Point, spent Saturday night and Sunday with T. J. Parkins and family.

Miss Jane Byars, who is teaching school at Valdaasta spent the week-end with home folks.

Leslie Montgomery and family spent Saturday night T. J. Parkins and family.

T. J. Byars' who was ill at the first of the week is better.

Mrs. T. J. Parkins, who has been ill for several weeks is still confined to her bed.

Little Audrey Hortense Rice is on the sick list this week.

Imogene McDonald is ill at this writing.

Will Lambden of Durant, Okla., is spending a few days with his brother, John Lambden and family.

B. D. Rice and son, Cecil, were in McKinney on business Saturday.

Charlie Jones and T. S. Byars visited R. D. Rice Sunday morning.

Aubrey Rice spent Sunday afternoon with L. W. Walston and wife.

CLEAR LAKE

Miss Lena Robinson, Correspondent

Health in this community is good at this writing.

Tom Simmons of Beard, Texas, visited home folks Christmas.

Miss Lola McWhirter and Mrs. A. Daniels and little daughter, Dorothy of Dallas visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McWhirter Sunday and Monday.

Miss Cecil Chapman of Princeton spent Christmas with Mrs. Jewell Taylor.

Miss Leona Godwin of Renner spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Floyd and little son spent Christmas at Bonham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fritz and two children, Alford and Bernice of McKinney spent Sunday and Monday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gooch and family, Mrs. Lena Gooch and little daughter, also spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson.

Ivan McWhirter, who is attending school at Commerce spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McWhirter.

Mary Ava McWhirter is visiting in McKinney this week.

Thurman Douglas, who is attending school at Commerce spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. R. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor and two little sons, Lester and John Hindon visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Taylor of New Hope Monday.

Miss Jewel Skelton visited Mrs. Birdie Kate Robbins of Farmersville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Misses Cecil Chapman and Mary Ava McWhirter visited in McKinney Saturday night.

Claud Godwin and Jesse Houswright made a business trip to McKinney Friday.

Those attending the play at Princeton Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Claud Godwin, J. O. McWhirter.

Edgar Braswell Is Some Better

As The Weekly Democrat-Gazette goes to press Thursday the condition of Edgar Braswell of Midland, is some better. This will be gratifying news to his host of friends residing in this city and county.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our friends for the kindness shown us during our recent illness here and for the loss of our precious boy, Robert Houston Moore. Your every little thoughtful act, sympathetic word and beautiful flowers were all sources of consolation to us in the time of our darkest grief and sorrow. May God's blessings abound in the lives of each of you is our prayer.

G. W. MOORE AND FAMILY.
J. H. GRAVES AND FAMILY.

B. F. Pate, Route 3, Anna, renews his allegiance to The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for another year. We appreciate Mr. Pate's patronage.

M. T. Terrell, Route 1, Melissa sends us check for \$1.50 for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette and Semi-Weekly Farm News at clubbing rate for the ensuing year.

UNCLE BOB BRINLEE PASSES AWAY AT WESTMINSTER

AT ADVANCED AGE OF 87—HAD LIVED IN COLLIN MOST OF LIFE.

G. R. Brinlee, 87 years, 4 months and 25 days, died at his home near Westminster in Northeast Collin at 11:15 o'clock Friday, December 23, 1927. He was born July 28, 1840.

On April 16, 1861, he was married to Malinda Horton. To this union eleven children were born, five boys and six girls, as follows: W. C. Brinlee of Westminster, John Brinlee of Westminster, Jim Brinlee of Sherman, Texas; Mrs. Lizzie Wardlow, Farmersville, Texas; Mrs. Mattie Sofford, Electra, Texas; Mrs. Flora Bunch, Hollis, Okla.; Mrs. Anna Aikens, Vineyard, Texas. His wife and four children are deceased.

He is survived by 118 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, making a total of 202 direct descendants surviving him.

He was converted at the age of 57 years and joined the Methodist church since which time he has lived a christian life. Uncle Bob Brinlee, as most every one knew him, was in failing health during the past two years. At the time of his death he was making his home with his oldest son, W. C. Brinlee at Westminster.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. G. B. Althart and Rev. J. H. Davis. The pallbearers were: Johnny McFerrin, W. A. McDougal, Don Loran, Jim Powell, Alna Lindsey and Odie Johnson. The flower girls were his granddaughters. His remains were taken in charge by the Earnheart & Eastin Undertaking company. Interment was made in the Elm Grove cemetery.

Uncle Bob Brinlee was an old Confederate soldier who belonged to Co. D, 6th Texas Cavalry, Wickfield's brigade in Gen. Price's army, east of the Mississippi river. He was one of the most widely known old timers of Northeast Collin. He had many acquaintances and friends in McKinney and Farmersville, especially among our older citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Westmoreland were called to Bowie, Texas, on Christmas day on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Westmoreland's aunt, Mrs. J. W. Fletcher of Fruitland, Texas, who was spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Pierce in Bowie. Mr. and Mrs. Westmoreland were visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Smith in Dallas when they received the sad news.

Mrs. Fletcher, about 65 years old, was formerly Miss Cattie Reaser, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Reaser of the Lebanon community, at which place she was born and reared. She was married to J. Willis Fletcher, and they lived at Whitlock, west of Plano, for several years before moving to Fruitland.

The deceased was seemingly in perfect health the day before Christmas, but was found in her bed dead early Sunday morning. She is survived by three children as follows: Mrs. Tom Pierce of Fort Worth and J. W. Fletcher of Los Angeles, Calif. She is survived also by one sister, Mrs. M. H. Gardner, of Los Angeles, Calif. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Bob Yeager of this county. Mrs. M. H. Gardner, sister of the deceased, is the mother of Mrs. P. R. Westmoreland of this city.

She leaves a host of friends in this city and county to mourn her sudden death.

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the two warehouses belonging to the Southland Ice company and located just east of the ice company plant, early Thursday morning about 1 o'clock.

The Southland Ice company had some machinery, two trucks, ice wagons and other property stored in one of the warehouses, while the other warehouse, which belong to the company, contained several thousand bales of hay belonging to Goodney Graves and about 1,500 bales belonging to the S. D. Heard estate.

No idea about how the fire originated is known, according to Dan Scott, manager of the Southland company plant in this city. Some insurance was carried on their machinery and property, he said.

The fire originated in the west portion of the warehouse. The McKinney Volunteer Fire department was immediately upon the scene, with their usual efficient service.

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WEEKLY CLASSIFIED ADS

MELISSA HOST TO COUNTY WORKERS BODY ON MONDAY

An entertaining and worth while meeting of the Collin County Workers' conference was held at the Melissa Baptist church all day Monday, January 2, when perhaps fifteen or twenty members of McKinney Baptist churches were present.

The attendance would, in all probability, have been much larger had the weather been more favorable.

At noon the ladies of the Baptist church at Melissa served a delicious lunch, enjoyed by everyone.

The program was interesting throughout. Rev. Mr. Cheek, returned missionary from China, appeared on the program with a wonderful lecture.

Dr. M. E. Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, spoke on the subject "The Conquest Campaign," while Rev. T. F. Hoffmann, pastor of the North McKinney Baptist church, was present and spoke on the subject "How the Collin County Association Appears to a New Comer."

Rev. G. O. Key, another Baptist minister of this city, spoke on "The Kind of a Revival Needed in This County." There was a meeting of the executive board, when plans for the future were discussed and made for the new year.

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ALLEN

Mrs. L. Goeman, Correspondent.

Miss Edna Morgan is visiting in Dallas.

Mr. W. D. Angel and family were in McKinney Wednesday.

Mr. Ellis Smart of Dallas spent the week with his cousin, Mrs. Herschel Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Angel gave a six o'clock dinner Tuesday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Angel of Fort Worth.

Misses Frances and Helen Whisenant, and Ethel Summers and Mr. Ray Summers.

Miss Winnie Reese has been quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Tucker are attending the bedside of the latter's niece, little Loma Sue Huffines of Dallas, who is ill with pneumonia.

Medames Herschel Williams, H. T. Yeatts and daughter, Janetta, W. R. Williams and L. Goeman were shopping in McKinney Wednesday.

Miss Janette Wilson of Waxahatchie is guest of Mrs. Roland Miller.

A miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Robert Frazee, Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. P. Giddings.

Forty-two names were entered in the guest book, each with a "wish" for the bride also a number of favorite receipts were written. Miss Helen Giddings acting as expressman brought in the gifts.

Delicious punch and angel food cake was served. Mr. and Mrs. Frazee will be at home to their friends in the Ereckson cottage.

Mr. O. M. Williams was in McKinney Wednesday.

Messrs. S. P. Bush and L. Goeman made a business trip to McKinney Friday.

Misses Rebecca Whisenant and Lois Leach spent the week-end with Miss Eva Mae Summers at Vine Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Key Long entertained the young married couple with a "42" party, Friday evening.

Mr. Will Sturges and family of Dallas were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howlett.

Mr. Oscar Red and family Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and Mr. Mac Sides and family all of Dallas, were guests of Mr. M. Z. Oxford and family this week.

Mr. W. C. Hagy and family are moving to Josephine where Mr. Hagy has accepted a position in the bank.

We deeply regret the loss of this excellent family and wish them well in their new home.

Messrs. W. R. Taylor and Monroe Wilkins made a business trip to Oklahoma.

Miss Jeneta Yeatts enters training as a nurse in the City hospital at McKinney. Her friends wish her success.

ALTOGA

Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Correspondent.

"The years that go by are a store house

Where we pack away bundles of pain, And troubles, and stumbles and blunders,

And things we won't do again."

As we bid goodbye to the old year let's forget all the troubles and heartaches and mistakes and as we welcome the New Year may we have strength for every new task and burden.

In many homes there are vacant chairs, which were filled by a loved form a year ago with no thought of parting.

Louis Bass and little Murtie Ray Lawson are on the sick list.

Mrs. Ella Jay of Woodlawn spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawson.

Uncle E. Williams who was sick last week is better.

John Sauls spent the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Pete Latham of Lovejoy.

Mrs. W. T. Dunn attended the workers conference at Melissa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sauls spent Monday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Latham of Lovejoy.

Ben Bass and family spent last Monday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luna of Moreland.

Miss Nora Lawson and brother,

Reno spent Thursday and Friday with their sister, Mrs. Homer Jay of near Woodlawn.

Truett Braswell of McKinney spent last week with his aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Lawson and family.

Miss Edna Mae Johnson spent last week with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Johnson at McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Murphy of Snow Hill spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams.

Miss Jewell Watkins spent Wednesday and Thursday with her friend, Miss Marie Barnett of Verona.

Miss Emma Bass and daughter, Miss Ethel Mae and son Lloyd B. and Mrs. E. Williams were guests of Mrs. G. O. Cate and Mrs. Lillie Cate Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis have moved to Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sauls have moved into the house vacated by Davis.

Misses Linnie Johnson, Evelyn Geron, Lovetta Stiff, Alice Lawson, and Ethel Mantooth were guests of Mrs. Ella Jay of Woodlawn, Thursday.

Mr. Cathoy, principal of the school here spent Christmas with home folks at Clear Lake.

Rev. Bradshaw of Greenville will preach here next Saturday evening and Sunday morning and evening.

Everyone be on time for Sunday school.

Royce Lawson and Delmar Stevenson, spent last week with his aunt, Mrs. J. Edd McGee of Pittsburgh Mills.

George Porter and family spent Christmas night with his father W. S. Porter and family of Melissa.

G. O. Priest and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vermillion left Tuesday for their home in Abilene, after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Eber Vermillion and son, Holly of Sanvay, Oklahoma, are here visiting his brothers, S. B. and J. B. Vermillion and their families.

Thomas and Ray Stevenson, spent last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Uicholas of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Christian and Miss Ova Vance returned Monday to Dallas after a few days' visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilcox and children Ozetta and Howell Lee, were New Year guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunn of Dallas.

Jewell Lee Walker and Miss Othol Marie King, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Christian and Miss Ova Vance of Dallas.

Mrs. G. O. Priest and boys, Oren and Wilton left Friday for their home at Abilene after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sauls and children, and Mrs. Annie Latham and little son, W. A., were guests of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Womble of Midway last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Less Boyer and Miss Mildred and Mrs. Denison Patton and children of Alba were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vermillion.

Misses Geraldine and Majorie Farley and Linnie Geron, went to Dallas, Thursday and spent the week-end with their cousin, Miss Paula Stewart.

Oren Vermillion motored to Denton Sunday taking Misses Willie, Bonnie and Ova back to school after spending the holidays with home folks here.

Several of the children of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Cate were Sunday guests of their parents, also Rev. M. W. Lanier and daughter, Miss Lucyle and a friend from McKinney were present they had a pleasant day.

Guests of Misses Ethel May Pass and Lillie Shindler, Friday night were Misses Ethel Mantooth, Ethylene Watkins, Jewell Watkins and Virgil Lee Watkins and Miss Marie Barnett of Verona.

Chicken roasts have been very numerous the past week. N. Hale, John Watkins, S. B. Vermillion, Dick Carson and Miss Lovetta Stiff and perhaps others have given chicken roasts at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bates and son, Forrest Bomar of Princeton, accompanied by their niece, Miss Onita Roberson and her friend, Miss Jacobs of Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn last Thursday.

Eber Vermillion accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vermillion and son, Charles Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Vermillion, spent last Friday

with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Esther Howell and daughters, Misses Vera and Dolly Ruth of Greenville.

Misses Etina and Ruby Jo Vance and brother, Weldon, left for Dallas, Thursday after a few days' visit with relatives there they will return to their home at Nocona.

School was resumed Monday after a week's holiday; Misses Addie and Leona Linker returned from their homes at Sulphur Springs Sunday.

Miss Addie surprised her friends here by getting married on Christmas night to Mr. Denis of Sulphur Springs. We wish them a long and happy life.

We were shocked to hear of the tragic death of Jesse Porter and Houston Moore, Mr. Porter Sr. with his family were residents of this community for several years. One daughter, Mrs. Gumbel Porter live in this community now.

We remember Jesse as a small boy and he has many school mates here where he was a quite peaceful boy and loved by all.

CHAMBERSVILLE

Mrs. Duland Scott, Correspondent.

You are invited to come to the "42" tournament and "Variety Sale" to be sponsored by the P. T. A. at Chambersville, Friday evening, Jan. 6, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noltz from Denison were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bourland and sons of Helms spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Chandler.

Misses Wacnah and Anna Louise Littlejohn of Woodlawn spent several days the past week with their cousin, Miss Florence Giles.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Williams of Tioza, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Chandler and Carl Chandler, visited Mr. P. M. Mugg of Weston during the holidays.

Miss Iva Myrtle Hume of Lone Elm, spent Friday night with Miss Lella Whit Loftice.

Master E. H. Farley is still confined to his bed suffering from enlarged glands of the throat.

Theo Merle the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beatty is quite ill, threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. W. S. Hitchcock has been indisposed the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. West and son, G. W. Jr. of Anna and W. J. Pearce of Pilot Point, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beatty, Tuesday.

Cloyd Farley attended the all day meeting of the Worker's Council held at First Baptist church at Melissa, Monday, Jan. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Harrison of Abilene spent the holidays with relatives with relatives here.

Miss Leva Robison spent Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dyer of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burton and little son, Leon of McKinney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herron, Monday.

Elvin Proffitt of Franklin spent Friday night with Bob Scott and family.

Miss Leona King of McKinney has been visiting Miss Juanita Scott and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hayes and son, Herman of Lone Star; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Conley were New Year guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rigby of Lone Elm.

Mr. and Mrs. Burge Scott and little daughter, Lera Nell, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Scott of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Robison and son, Arthur Lee of Prosper, were New Year guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lewis of McKinney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rigby and daughter, Leta and Norma motored over to Bloomdale Thursday and spent the day with J. J. Harlin and family.

Due to the bitter cold weather there were no services of any kind at the church, Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Cox has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burton of Franklin.

Mrs. Ola George and family have moved to the Kennedy farm near Lone Elm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herron and sons, Carl, J. C. and Hebron and little daughter, Mary Lois are visiting relatives in Arkansas.

The young folks were entertained in the following homes during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Frisby and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nixon on New Year's eve, entertained with a watch party.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Herron, Miss Lucile Farley and brothers, Leon and Ray, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Lone Elm.

Louis Cox has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Anderson of McKinney.

Mrs. Ella Smith and two sons, Dee and Owen; Mrs. Vera Amyx, and son, Billy of Burk Burnett were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rigby and family of Lone Elm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burge Scott and little daughter, Lera Nell, spent Saturday with R. P. Proffitt of Bloomdale.

Master Hargis Herron spent the holidays in McKinney, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Jesse Herron and family.

On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chandler and sons, Tommy and Laverne, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harrison and little daughter, Melba attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harrison of McKinney.

Despite the inclemency of the weather a large number of our folks attended the funeral services held in Melissa Tuesday, for Jesse Porter and Houston Moore, whose tragic deaths caused so much sadness over our entire community. Words are inadequate to express our sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

On Friday Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beatty gave a dinner to the following

guests: Mr. and Mrs. Aus Cox and son, Avener, of Hatt Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cox of Roland; Ben Henry of Roland; Messrs. John and Babe Cox of Chambersville.

This was in the nature of a family reunion. Snap shots were taken of the four brothers and the afternoon was spent in reminiscent conversation of other days.

School re-opened Monday with a good attendance.

Miss Leta Rigby was hostess to the Latin pupils at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rigby, Monday evening, December 25. Including visitors there were twenty-three present.

Interesting games were played, those winning prizes in the different contests were: Jennie Lee, Iva Lee, Iva Myrtle Hume, Leon Farley and Charles Dickenson.

The house was beautifully decorated with red and green in keeping with the holiday season. During the evening the hostess, assisted by her mother and aunt, Mesdames Rigby and Hayes, served delicious refreshments. Besides members of the class other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hayes and son, Herman, of Lone Star; Miss Marie Redden and brother, Woodie, of Helms; Misses Lucile Parker, Janice Lowrey of Valdasta; Iva and Jennie Lee, of Melissa.

VERONA

Mrs. M. L. Stroup, Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorrest Williams and daughter, Miss Doris Francis of Nocona spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grisham and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams.

Mrs. Estelle Cunningham of Frederick, Okla., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams.

John Womble of Nocona, spent a few days with his mother Mrs. Ada Womble.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burton and children, Howell, Jean and Frances, of Pilot Point spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stroup.

Jim Hart of Olney, spent the Christmas holiday with Miss Ila Samples.

Ralph Gifford of Waco is spending several days visiting his cousins, Orville and Karl Stroup.

Mrs. A. J. Aycock of McKinney spent Sunday with M. L. Stroup and family.

Mrs. Jess Brockman and children of Princeton, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brockman.

Mrs. J. C. Chitty visited her mother, Mrs. J. S. St. Clair Monday in Pike. Mrs. St. Clair has been ill, but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Grisham and daughter, Carolyn Sue, of Nocona, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grisham.

Miss Goldie King has been on the sick list for the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gifford of Waco, spent Sunday with Mrs. Gifford's brother, C. L. Stroup and family.

Misses Opal and Orene McTea of Nocona, are spending a few days visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McTea.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dunn celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Sunday and entertained their children with a big dinner. The following children enjoyed it with them: Mr. and Mrs. Laid Dunn and children; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dunn, all of Dallas; Mrs. T. A. Stroup and children; Keller and Edwin Dunn and Miss Janice Dunn.

Chester McTea of Nocona is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McTea.

Guy Harben of Rhea Mills is visiting his brother Paul Harben and wife.

Clifford Grisham is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grisham.

Mrs. Dixie Anderson and children of Pico, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Tranthem and father, D. King.

Lester Tilley of McKinney, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tilley.

Our public school teachers: Emmett Cambron, Misses Anna Mac Todd and Opal Brockman are spending the holidays with their home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McKinney spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grisham.

Mrs. Ben McTea still continues ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Samples and children, Mary Frances and Billy of Archer City have been visiting relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

Orville and Karl Stroup have returned to Archer City after spending two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stroup.

John C. Womble has returned to Nocona where he holds a position after visiting relatives here a few days.

Malcolm Stroup of Portales, New Mexico, and Frances Stroup of Denton spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with C. L. Stroup and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brockman spent Thursday night visiting relatives in Blue Ridge.

C. H. Burton of Royce City spent Monday night with his sister, Mrs. M. L. Stroup.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee King of Garland have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles King.

Mrs. W. A. Stewart and daughters spent Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams at Blue Ridge.

Miss Jewell Watkins of Altoza spent Thursday night with Miss Marie Barnett.

Mrs. E. L. Williams has been quite sick for a few days.

Mrs. E. G. Burton had the misfortune of getting her arm broken Monday morning.

School opened again Monday morning after ten days' vacation for Christmas.

Misses Marie Barnett and Nettie Chamley visited Miss Jewell Watkins of Altoza.

Watkins of Altoza Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ben McTea continues ill at this writing.

Miss Marie Barnett spent Friday night and Saturday with Miss Jewell Watkins of Altoza.

DALLAS VISITORS

IN HOME DR. AND

MRS. C. S. WEAVER

Dr. and Mrs. Graham Frank and Dr. and Mrs. L. N. D. Wells of Dallas had one day with Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Weaver during the holidays.

Dr. Frank is one of the most beloved ministers in Dallas since he is in his tenth year with the historical old church called the Central Christian church. He was one of ten ministers who were sent from his denomination to represent them at the World Conference on Faith and Order at Lausanne last summer. His addresses on this conference are valued throughout this part of Texas among all denominations.

Dr. L. N. D. Wells is known by the prominent part his large church adds to his already well established reputation as a leading minister in the U. S. A. The East Dallas Christian church is one of the strongest churches among the Disciples of Christ.

Dr. and Mrs. Weaver's home has a well-beaten path to its door, where they are pleased to greet friends from all walks of life. The fellowship enjoyed on such occasions as this, with a turkey dinner, besides, enriches the hearts of all who are privileged to partake of it.

R. A. CHAPMAN SR.

DIES IN SHERMAN;

WAS 97 YEARS OLD

R. A. Chapman, Sr., who last month passed his 97th birthday, died at his home on East Lamar street, East Sherman, at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Chapman was born in Tennessee ninety-seven years ago and came to Texas before the Civil war, locating in Sherman before the war.

He was engaged in the drug business. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Confederacy and served throughout that conflict. Returning to Sherman he again engaged in the mercantile business and was one of the founders with the late Judge Binkley of the Merchants and Planters National bank, and for many years had been one of that institution's vice presidents as well as a large stockholder. He also was one of the owners of the Chapman mill here.

Mr. Chapman had been a Mason ever since he was 21 years old, and was, therefore, one of the oldest Masons in both years and point of service. He is survived by one son, Dick Chapman Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Allison Mayfield and Miss Mamie Chapman.

Jesus Best Man

In World, W. S.

Smith Tells Men

"Think about Jesus and you are thinking about the best man who ever lived and one that we should try to emulate," said W. S. Smith, teacher of the Men's class of the First Baptist church Sunday school in his lecture Sunday morning.

Mr. Smith said preachers and christian workers need preparation for their life's work as Jesus spent thirty years preparing for his three years of ministry. When the spirit evaporates out of our creed it becomes dry and dead, and it is not attractive and we need to keep the sap of living truth circulating through our creed that our lives may be full of vitality and fruitfulness. All the ordinances of the church will not bring salvation, but the keeping of them in the spirit will help the christian enjoy their christian life.

Mr. Smith said that one evil thought in the mind would have the same effect a bad boy would have with a bunch of good boys. The devil will never give an inch of ground without a fight. Confessing Jesus may seem unimportant and unnecessary and yet it may go deep into our lives and may be the door to lead others into the higher or a light that will shine far into the world.

Mr. Smith closed his address with a plea that the men do whatever God has for them to do, and do it with their might, and in some way God will give his approval.

W. C. Edwards, who resides on Route 2, Farmersville in the Huskie Chapel community, renews for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette another year, and also takes the Dallas Farm News at clubbing rate. Both papers one year each for only \$1.50 by taking advantage of our special holiday rate that will expire on January 15. Mr. Edwards lives on his own farm and has resided in that community for the past 14 years. He was fortunate enough to make about a fourth of a bale of cotton per acre this year and made plenty of corn and hay both, to supply him

for another year, for all of which he is duly thankful. Mr. Edwards was accompanied to our office by his little son, Lokey Edwards.

Lokey is named in honor of his grandfather, G. W. Lokey, a highly esteemed old east Collin farmer and early settler.

Our good friend, M. T. Belev, who lives in the Harris school district, five miles south of Farmersville, called in to renew his weekly Democrat-Gazette subscription for another year in advance. Mr. Belev lives on the Hicks farm, which he has been running for the past 12 years. He is one of East Collin's most favorably known citizens, whose friendship we have long enjoyed and highly prized.

SENDS WEEKLY TO

SISTER AND BROTHER

Mrs. W. A. Stewart of the Verona community called at this office Friday and ordered The Weekly Democrat-Gazette sent to her sister and brother as Christmas gifts. Her sister, Mrs. S. W. Murphy, lives at 426 West 7th street, Clovis, New Mexico, while her brother, J. L. Green, lives in Madill, Okla. Both

Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Green formerly lived in this county, where they have a host of friends whom they will read about in this much appreciated gift. Mrs. Stewart is a reader of our paper, and we greatly appreciate her friendship and patronage. She was accompanied to McKinney by Mrs. H. L. McCrary and son, Cecil McCrary, of Verona.

Thanks to Will Cunningham.

Will Cunningham, McKinney, Route 6, renews for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette for another year. Thanks.



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Let us show you the latest models. Designed exquisitely. Priced to meet your pocketbook. Satisfaction guaranteed on any Victor instrument you buy.

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Jim Hollandworth Announces for the Office of Sheriff



JAS. R. HOLLANDWORTH

James R. Hollandworth authorizes the Daily Democrat-Gazette to announce him as a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Collin county at the primary election Saturday, July 28, 1928.

A Native of Tennessee.

Mr. Hollandworth was born near Liberty, Tennessee, De Kalb county. He came to Texas January 8, 1902, and lived in and around Melissa till 1914, at which time he came to McKinney to take the position of deputy constable under Son Mack. Following the death of Constable Mack, Mr. Hollandworth was appointed special officer. Later he served as deputy constable under Will Burgess for two years, but resigned to take the position of night watchman for the City of McKinney, serving for 1919. In 1920 he was elected constable of precinct No. 1, and served for four years. In January 1925, he was appointed as riding deputy for Sheriff Will A. Kirby, which position he is now holding. He is making the race on his qualifications and record as a peace officer.

An Appreciative Man.

Mr. Hollandworth is a man who is friendly and appreciative of all favors and courtesies. He says he wants all voters in the primary to consider his claims before they make up their mind, after which he hopes they will conclude to vote for him. His friends who know him best say that Jim Hollandworth never shirks an official duty, and has the courage to accept the responsibilities of the enforcement of law and order without fear or favor.

These papers bespeak for Mr. Hollandworth the careful consideration of his claims and plea for support at the election on Saturday, July 28, 1928. He seeks the support of all men and women who will participate in the election. He will endeavor to see as many of the voters in Collin county as possible before

he primary. Give him your careful consideration.

FOR COMMISSIONER

HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN
ROAD WORK OVER THE
COUNTY.

This paper is pleased to carry the name of John R. Day as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 at the Democratic primary election to be held on the 23rd day of July, 1928.

Mr. Day offers for election upon his record as a commissioner. His friends point with pride to the fact, that notwithstanding the unusual period of excessive rains of the last two years, he has done a great deal of road work, and that the work accomplished has been of a high class, substantial nature. They also point out that he has given the whole of his time to county affairs. He has studied the business of the county, and has been instrumental in having the road precincts placed upon a budget system, so as to give to each road precinct its proper share of the road and bridge fund tax money. Mr. Day has on all occasions sought to guard the public treasury. He has sought to check any unnecessary expenditure of public funds; but when such expenditures seemed to him to be necessary, he has been alert to see that his county not value received.

Being a good county commissioner involves a rather complete knowledge of all county agencies of government, of county finances, the source from which the public money comes, the purposes for which it should and should not be used, and the proper means of getting full value. Mr. Day's friends feel that he merits support on these grounds, and on such solid support of the citizens of his precinct in his re-election for county commissioner.

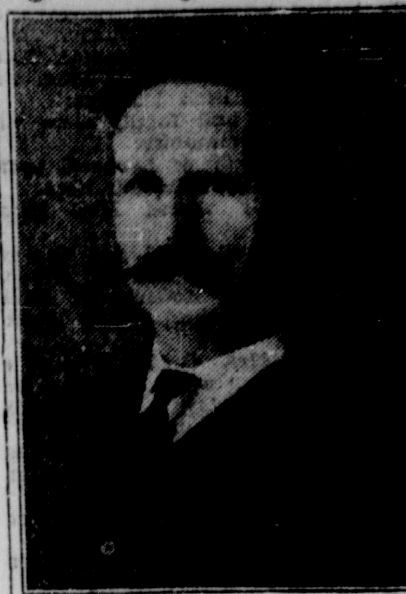
This announcement of Mr. Day's will be concluded by saying that he was born and reared on a farm, and has always considered farming as his life avocation. However, he taught school several years, during the fall and winter, and has kept books for gins during the ginning season, and also was bookkeeper for a store at one time. During the Spanish-American war he volunteered his services to his country, serving in the army during that brief, but decisive struggle. Since his election as commissioner, he has above stated concentrated all of his time and attention to the discharge of his duties, sparing no effort to serve his constituency and the taxpayer in general in the most faithful and efficient manner of which he is capable. We commend his candidacy to your consideration, and assure you that Mr. Day will show him any favor you may show him.

Mrs. H. H. Craver Renews.

Mrs. H. H. Craver of Clinch renews her Democrat-Gazette subscription for another year. She and her late husband were charter subscribers of our paper and have taken it for nearly 44 years. Her deceased husband was a gallant Confederate soldier, and one of the most highly honored East Collin citizens for more than a half century.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

HON. GEORGE P. BROWN MAKES
STATEMENT TO VOTERS
OF COUNTY.



GEORGE P. BROWN

In announcing my candidacy for county judge, I thought it advisable to give some of the duties and responsibilities of the office. I do this for the information of those who have not had occasion to be connected with the courts, nor observed their operations. Below will be found a general outline, without going into details:

County Court.

The county judge presides over this court in the trial of civil and criminal cases. In the trial of criminal cases where the defendant pleads not guilty, if tried before a jury, it is the duty of the county judge, to give the law in writing to the jury, which governs it in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendant. He sees that the defendant, and the state have all the rights accorded each under the law. If no jury is demanded, then the judge hears the evidence and fixes the penalty.

In civil cases tried before a jury, he must likewise prepare his written charge for the jury to govern them in arriving at a verdict. If no jury is demanded, the judge determines the law and the facts, and renders his judgment.

To know the law, to rule quickly and accurately, to dispose of cases with speed, to keep order and decorum in the court room are qualifications to be desired in a county judge while performing the duties of this court.

Commissioners' Court.

The county judge is the presiding officer over this court. This court has charge of the county, farm, county convicts, and various funds of the county, such as road and bridge funds, general fund, court house and jail fund, jury fund, etc. And it has the duties and responsibilities of paying out the moneys belonging to these various funds. It fixes the tax rates, approves the tax rolls, and equalizes the taxes. It has the appointment of road overseers, and the general upkeep of roads and bridges. It allows for paying the bills for the current expenses of the county. It buys all necessary provisions, supplies, etc., for the road camps. It buys the provisions for the unfortunate at the county farm, for their clothing, and the general upkeep of the county farm. It determines who are paupers, and what money is received for the support of these paupers. The county judge is the general supervisor of the issuance of bonds in common school districts.

This is the court that determines the entire business of the county. Here is where sound judgment, accurate calculations, and economy should be used and practiced. Every person is directly concerned with this court.

Probate Matters.

The county judge has the duty and responsibility of the appointment of guardians of the person and estates of minors; probate of wills; appointment of administrators of estates; approval of the bonds of guardians and administrators; approval of annual accounts of guardians; the investment of the money of minors; the sale of minors' property; and, where necessary, the partition of estates.

Guardians are required by law to invest their ward's money in certain securities mentioned in the statutes; to make an annual report showing what money has been received and expended by the guardian; the county judge is charged with the responsibility of seeing that the persons or properties of minors are preserved and protected as provided by law.

The county judge presides in the trial of lunacy cases; seeing to the appointment of guardians, if necessary, and that the lunatic's estate, if any, is administered as provided by law. Attends to procuring pensions for Confederate soldiers.

Juvenile Court.

The county judge must determine from the facts, what penalties or punishments must be assessed on offenders against juvenile law. And, when tried without a jury, must conduct the trial so as to preserve to the juvenile all his rights, and see also that the laws of the state are properly enforced. This is the court that has jurisdiction of all offenses, whether misdemeanors or felonies, committed by boys under the age of seventeen years, and girls under the age of eighteen years.

A knowledge of child-life, environments, habits, opportunities, home-life, training, and education proves of great benefit to the judge in arriving at a proper determination of what is best for the state and the child.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to Democratic Primary,
July 28, 1928:

For County Judge:
GEORGE P. BROWN.
For Sheriff:
J. PERRY WATSON.
JIM HOLLANDWORTH.
For County Clerk:
S. G. (SHIRLEY) TAYLOR.
For Tax Collector:
DAN E. NEATHERY.
N. D. READY.
For Tax Assessor:
W. L. (LOU) BARNETT.
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
S. O. SCOTT.
J. D. FREEMAN.
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
J. K. (LACK) FLYER.
For County Commissioner, Precinct 4:
JOHN R. DAY.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1:
L. C. CLIFTON.
R. E. (ED) GEREN.

tion of what is best for the state and the child.

Now for the benefit of those who may be interested, I wish to say that I served four years as county attorney of Collin county. Have been in private practice for a number of years, and for four years was assistant U. S. District attorney. Since retiring from that position, I have been in the private practice in civil and criminal cases, in state courts and United States courts.

My wife and I are natives of the county; so are our children. I have been directly interested in the educational, religious and civic advancements of the county; all my labors and efforts have been here. If you believe that I am qualified to discharge the duties of county judge, and that I merit this honor and promotion, I will appreciate your support.

GEORGE P. BROWN.

N. D. Ready Announces for Tax Collector

We are authorized to announce N. D. Ready as a candidate for County Tax Collector subject to the action of the Democratic party at the Primary election, Saturday, July 28, 1928.

Mr. Ready, as is well known, is deputy Tax Collector at this time, having accepted this position from County Tax Collector, A. T. Roper, at the beginning of the latter's first term of office, hence Mr. Ready is serving his fourth year as deputy, having charge of the Highway Department in said office along with the general work of the office, which gives him long experience.

He was reared in Northeast Collin county, and has lived there practically all his life, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ready. He attended the local schools near him and later attended the East Texas Normal college and Burleson college both in Hunt county. In 1912 he was married to Miss Lillian Elam of Fannin county, Ga., and Mrs. Ready are blessed with six children, four of whom are in school in McKinney. His mother is living with him, his father passed away September 9th last. Mr. Ready has followed farming for a living ever since he was old enough to work, up to the time he began the clerical work in the collector's office.

He stated that he is a life-time democrat, having voted for the straight democratic nominees each election from the time he first voted the ticket at the age of 21. He is a church member and consistently supports by his vote and influence, all measures that have for their purpose the betterment of the moral conditions of his country from precinct to nation-wide.

Mr. Ready wants it understood that no one will be more appreciative of the votes of men and women who may cast their ballots in the primary election next July than he.

Those who know him best attest that Mr. Ready is a man, aside from his literary education, with much natural ability, and that he shirks no responsibility in any line of work. He is courteous and obliging at all times and offends none.

Mr. Ready endeavors to see as many voters as possible before the election. It is needless to say that during this tax paying season he, with his co-workers, is very busy each day and quite often into the night.

The publishers of these papers are pleased to place this announcement before its readers and bespeak for him the due consideration of his claim for the democratic nomination for Tax Collector.

Prof. W. L. Roper Renews.

Prof. W. L. Roper, superintendent of the Anna school called at this office Thursday and renewed his Daily Democrat-Gazette subscription for another year. Prof. Roper has read our paper a long time and we appreciate his friendship and patronage.

B. L. Jeanes, a sure-enough farmer, tenant, dropped by to see us, ordering the Weekly Democrat-Gazette for 1928. He will live on the Warren McCamy's farm, in the Mills Turner neighborhood for 1928. B. L. Jeanes is one of the best farmers and men we have ever known—square, fair and upright. Glad to enroll him as a regular reader. Come in and see us often, friend Jeanes.

E. R. Doyle, Route 1, Nevada, sends renewal cash to the Weekly Democrat-Gazette. Mr. Doyle believes that every citizen should take his county seat paper and thereby keep fully posted on current home county news.

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FOR TAX ASSESSOR

W. L. (LOU) BARNETT ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION
TO THAT OFFICE.



W. L. (LOU) BARNETT.

As a result of a very marked solicitation from over the county, Tax assessor W. L. (Lou) Barnett, is announcing for re-election to that office in the Democratic primary of July next. As most of our readers know, Mr. Barnett was born and reared at Blue Ridge and was for records of the tax assessor's books twenty-five years a bonafide farmer of the county. After his election, he has devoted his entire time and attention to the duties of the office. He is proud of his record which is open for inspection and he invites your investigation. In view of the fact that a new map and plat system is in process of installation in his office, he believes that his familiarity with its progress thus far would prove beneficial to the tax paying public for him to remain in office until its completion and installation.

He states that the revision of the began in April of the first year of his incumbency. From three to twelve men were working on these records for over two years. On the first of April last year the commissioner's court turned over the new books incomplete to him for installation. After working on them for five months he found about one thousand sheets that would not post. But by strenuous work by himself and office force they have been enabled to reduce this list to only about one hundred sheets, and these are now being gradually worked out by the map and plat men.

Mr. Barnett states that his map and plat system is costing the county \$45,000. But when completed, he thinks it will mean the savings of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers. It will mean much to the public schools of the county, because it will show the boundary lines of the large school map which will help each school to get its own tax money that in some instances has been going to other schools. Mr. Barnett prides himself on the close attention and good results that he has obtained along this school line in installing this new map and plat system in the assessor's office.

When the reconstruction of the court house began in last July, he was compelled to move out right in the middle of the making up of his

tax rolls. The same move will be required again in the midst of this work when he moves back into the finished court house in the course of the next two or three months. He believes that the people as a whole appreciate the difficulties that have beset him since he has been in the office and the untiring service and patience that has characterized him in the faithful discharge of his duties. His office force and field deputies are efficient and faithful and would be hard to improve upon. He has been cautious and painstaking. Kind and courteous to all who have had troubles to straighten out with their property conditions. He takes much delight in trying to adjust everything for the tax payers in a satisfactory way to all concerned. He is proud of the letter of commendation that was recently published in the local press from the state comptroller and auditor relative to the report to the state government from Mr. Barnett's administration.

It is obviously impossible for him to see each and every voter personally, because of the duties of his office, but he asks his friends and the taxpayers generally to consider his interests as a candidate and to help him with their vote and influence during the campaign. His record in the office thus far is the best evidence of his fidelity and efficiency in serving one and all in the future. No man will appreciate your favor to his candidacy more than will Lou Barnett. We commend his candidacy to your earnest consideration when you come to vote for the next county tax assessor.

CITY BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnett have been advised of the birth of a grandson, James Kenneth to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bodecker, at Baylor hospital in Dallas, Dec. 22, Mrs. Bodecker was formerly Miss Elva Barnett.

William Chalmers, a fine baby son was born early Saturday to Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Cowan and friends are extending congratulations. Mother and babe, at the City hospital are doing nicely. The son was named after a deceased brother and the father of Dr. Cowan. Three sons and two daughters now compose the happy family of Dr. and Mrs. Cowan, the former the popular pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

L. P. Coffey and wife of Houston have been spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Coffey. On Thursday at noon, Mr. and Mrs. Coffey entertained with a dining in their honor. The following friends and relatives were present for this happy occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Darnold of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coffey and little twin daughters, Miss Hallie Coffey, Otto Coffey, Mrs. P. L. Adams of Abilene, who was formerly Miss Alice Gerish, Mrs. S. H. Grimes and son, Gene of Mineral Wells, and the host and hostess.

W. G. Blankenship and wife of Tyler, Texas, have been spending the holidays in this city with relatives and friends. They are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Nelson and another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watts. Their daughter, Mrs. V. L. Dupree, and husband and children of Oklahoma City are also visiting here and were

present at the family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Nelson Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship formerly lived in this city for a number of years, but a few years ago they moved to Tyler. They are greatly enjoying their visit here and meeting up with their many old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carter of Ash Grove entertained the following guests at their home with a turkey dinner on Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davis and daughter, Lucille of Electra; Leon Sutherland of Electra, their daughter, Miss Eula Carter of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lewis and their three children of Bloomdale; Mrs. Jewell McCormick and three children of Blue Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis of McKinney, Mrs. George Mallow and Miss Nola Sutherland of McKinney. The Carter home was beautifully decorated in Christmas decorations and the table was spread with everything to tempt the appetite. The day was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Nevil Talkington was called to Sherman Wednesday to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs. W. W. Simpson, who submitted to a serious operation. Mrs. Simpson is a former resident of McKinney and her many friends hope for her early recovery.

Dr. Tom O. Staples, Wylic, was a visitor in McKinney Thursday and gave this office a call to renew his subscription to The Weekly Democrat-Gazette, of which he has been a reader many years. Dr. Staples paid the paper a high compliment. "You get out a wonder paper and I am glad to support it." He is one of Wylic's best-known citizens, and is a retired physician of that section. For several years he has been paying some attention to raising registered Jersey cattle.

John C. Reinhardt, experimental chemist of the American Smelting & Refining company of Monterrey, Mexico, is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford S. Weaver. Mr. Reinhardt has been at Texarkana visiting his father and came by McKinney to especially visit Dr. and Mrs. Weaver. Dr. Weaver was his former pastor and received into the church and baptized him. Mr. Reinhardt has been in Old Mexico for about five years.

Charles R. Smith, a well-known young citizen of Wylic called Thursday to renew his subscription to the Weekly Democrat-Gazette, paying a year in advance at our holiday rate of \$1. He is a son of the late U. J. Smith, for many years a citizen of the Wylic community whose untimely death occurred a few years ago. Young Smith was a veteran of the World war and was seriously wounded in one of the first engagements in which American soldiers participated. He is believed to be the first Collin county boy wounded in the war. Charley is a fine young man and his friendship and patronage is highly appreciated.

J. W. Butler, one of the best men in the county, who lives in the Verona community, was a pleasant visitor at our office and renewed his Weekly Democrat-Gazette, which he has been reading for many years. His son, D. L. Butler, who lives near Aubrey, Denton county, accompanied his good "dad" and also subscribed for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette. No better men or farmers in the county than the Butlers, and we appreciate their friendship and patronage.

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MELISSA

Miss Jessie Leigh, Correspondent.

Mac and Morris Wallis, students of Austin college, Sherman, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wallis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bristol of Nacogdoches, Texas, visited relatives here and at McKinney last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frazier and little daughter, Sarah, have returned to their home at Breckenridge, Texas, after having spent the past week with Mrs. Frazier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hardaway.

Misses Lois Osburn and Pauline Scribner were week-end visitors of Mrs. Corrine Osburn. Miss Lois is a student at C. I. A. Denton.

Miss Faye Knox and little son, Billie, visited in Anna last week.

Mrs. Everett Hardaway and little daughter, Alma Lou, of Thornton, Texas, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. W. M. Gibson and little daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, visited the former's brother, E. L. Chambers of Weatherford, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hackney left for Archer City Friday, where Mr. Hackney will work in the future.

Mrs. J. B. Neal and daughter, Juanita, attended a family reunion of Mrs. Neal's mother in Dallas last week.

Miss Maurine Osburn, who has been society editor for the Sherman Democrat, left for Austin last week, where she will work in the future.

Mrs. Ella Eddleman and son, Robert of Pilot Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bunch of Celina, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Graves and children of Howe, Texas, spent the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rodgers.

Mrs. Jim Latta, who underwent a very serious operation at the City hospital last week is reported to be doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. A. J. Cline, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving. Her granddaughter, Miss Virginia Mayfield, of Sedalia, Mo., has returned to her home.

The Workers' conference of the Baptist church met with the Melissa church Monday. Attendance was

not very large, due to the cold weather. The ladies of the church served lunch at the noon hour. An interesting program was carried out.

The entire community was saddened when the news was spread of the sudden death of two of our finest young men in a car accident. Jesse Herman Porter and Robert Houston Moore were instantly killed. Mac Wallis was slightly injured. These boys will be greatly missed by all of their friends and parents and by their school mates. We can only look to Him who doeth all things well and say not our will but thine be done.

The following students who have spent the holidays here, have returned to their respective places. Helen Osburn to State university, at Austin, Pearl Nichols and Osborne Davis at N. T. S. T. C. at Denton, Orville Hughes to Teachers' college at Commerce and Jessie Leigh to Trinity university, Waxahatchie.

Mrs. E. O. Knox assisted by her daughters, entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Ray Craft last Thursday. Mrs. Craft received a number of nice and useful gifts. A lovely refreshment plate was served to about fifty guests.

WOODLAWN

R. E. Littlejohn, Correspondent.

Everybody enjoyed the Christmas tree at the school. Santa was present with all his toys and candy. A nice program was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arnold visited Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Arnold Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Littlejohn and children spent Christmas in Gainesville with relatives.

Mrs. Ada Boone recently moved to McKinney. Her neighbors will greatly miss her.

Miss Ruby Bull of Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gibson and son, J. R. Jr., of Athens visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bull during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones had as their guests Monday Mr. and Mrs. Will Quillin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connel, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Connel of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Quillin of McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Price McGarrath of Dallas.

Miss Lois Jones spent Christmas with friends in McKinney.

Miss Ruth Smith visited in Blue Ridge and Leonard recently.

Our community was greatly shocked at the news of the sad accident which caused the death of Jess Porter and Houston Moore of Melissa. Quite a few attended the funeral, some of our boys being classmates of them.

We are sorry to lose from our midst our loyal correspondent, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Littlejohn, who are moving to their new farm in the Vineland community.

Miss Nan Bull visited Mrs. E. McCollum in Dallas Friday.

Claud Coppell of Athens visited friends in this community during Christmas.

BISHOP

Miss Cora Lee Russell, Cor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Corzine of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson and family had as their Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Russell entertained the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willis of the Lovejoy community, and Mrs. Russell's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Evans entertained the following Sunday night with a radio party: Mr. and Mrs. Noblett and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jenkins and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Evans and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson entertained friends with a "42" party.

Miss Magaline Noblett and Lee Renfro were united in Marriage Saturday evening at McKinney. Both being very popular young people of this community. We all join together and wish them a long and happy life.

The men folks of the Bishop community met at the Russell home Monday afternoon and staged a rabbit hunt. There was about 75 rabbits killed. Bert Noblett killed the most, but Dick Donaldson was champion shot, getting 10 rabbits out of 11 shots.

Mark Russell spent Sunday night with his cousin, Bryant Willis.

Mrs. M. W. Watkins spent Monday with Mrs. Henry Williams of Lovejoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dixon spent Sunday in McKinney.

L. Shoemaker spent Sunday in Dallas visiting his sister, Mrs. Holway.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dickerson have moved to McKinney. Sorry to lose them from our community.

John Willis and family have moved to the Kinle farm. We are very glad to have so good a family in our community.

Moving time has come and every one who has to move is on the job. We are gaining some real good people.

Mr. and Mrs. Parson sold out their farm and moved to McKinney.

Miss Eunice Hupstutler spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Barns, Wednesday in McKinney.

Charles Renfro has returned home from a visit to Marlin, Texas. He reported having had a wonderful time. Glad he did, but we all sure did miss him.

Miss Lelamae Lewis of McKinney was visiting Cora Lee Russell.

Mr. Hollin is on the sick list.

Mrs. S. M. Russell and son, Mark and Mrs. M. W. Watkins spent Tuesday with their sister and daughter, Mrs. A. J. Willis of the Lovejoy community.

Betty Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Evans has been ill for the past few days.

Every one enjoyed the spelling at the Bishop school house Thursday night.

Mrs. Leslie Harding of New Hope, was visiting her daughter and mother, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokley Camel visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Biggs of Whitesboro, Texas. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Camel's sister, Ruth.

Mr. Wallace spent Thursday with her granddaughter and family, Mrs. Oscar Evans. Grandmother Wallace enjoyed another Christmas among her sons, daughters and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges had as their Christmas guests their children as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Neal West and children of Merit, Mr. and Mrs. Mancel Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Gentry of Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith of Sherman.

Esch White and family of Farmersville, Jack White and wife of Blue Ridge enjoyed a turkey dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. White.

T. C. Pryor had as an honored guest, his mother, age 86 years. She is hale and hearty and enjoys a hearty laugh. She pieces quilts for pastime.

Homer Sellers of Dallas, spent Christmas with home folks.

Ina Pryor, who works at Sears & Roebuck, at Dallas, was home for the holidays.

Oran Callis and family took Christmas dinner with Mrs. Callis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Woods of Moreland.

Mrs. A. M. Madding and son, Billie Ray visited Mrs. D. D. McDonald.

Jim Fuller and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Park Nance took Christmas with their son and brother, Willie Fuller.

Will soon open implement, hardware, auto tire business in McKinney.

By consulting our advertising columns it will be noted that Louis "Tires" Daniels will soon open up a new implement, hardware and automobile tire business in McKinney, in the double store building on North Kentucky street, formerly occupied by the J. C. Penney company.

Carpenters, painters and workmen have been busy lately installing fixtures, and getting the large building in readiness.

Mr. Daniels was born and reared in Corsicana, but comes to McKinney from Whitewright, where he

has been engaged in business for some time.

He comes to McKinney, his announcement states, to make this city and county his home for the future, having leased the building for a term of years.

Mr. Daniels states that he is experienced, has ample capital, and through his advertisement, invites our entire people to pay his store a visit, the exact date to be announced later.

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WEDNESDAY ONLY

Mary Brian in a H. C. Witwer story, "Her Father Said No."

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton in "Fireman Save My Child."

R AND R AMERICA

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Tom Tyler in "Lightning Lariats" and, "The Perils of the Jungle."

MONDAY and TUESDAY

Waly Wales in "Roaring Rider."

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

Bob Custer in "Hair Trigger Baxter."

New Implement, Hardware Automobile Tire Business To Open In McKinney

We have leased, for a term of years, the large double-store formerly occupied by J. C. Penney Company, on North Kentucky street, where we will soon open up a new

Implement, Hardware, Automobile Tire Business

We will buy in car-load lots and specialize in automobile Tires—from the smallest to the largest size, thus absolutely guaranteeing the best prices that can be made.

We have located in McKinney permanently. We want to become a part and parcel of this goodly city and county. Its our home. We shall do everything in our power for the city's and county's advancement.

Our new store will be opened shortly, at which time we will announce the opening date. We cordially and kindly invite all of the people of the city and county to come in and see us when we open. While we are strangers in your midst, we assure you that we will not be very long.

We are experienced in our line, and having ample capital, we will make very low prices, believing in VOLUME, LOW PROFITS, thus turning our capital and stock as often as possible. Anticipating a visit from one and all, please look out for our announcement opening date.

LOUIS TIRES DANIELS

BREAKS RECORD

More than five hundred young men and women were graduated and placed in positions during 1927 by the Byrne Commercial College of Dallas.

Byrne College is fast winning a reputation with the big business firms of Dallas for turning out competent office help. Their extensive thorough courses of training give their students the ability to advance rapidly.

Wins Typewriter In Big Contest

A Byrne College student has just won a typewriter offered by the Royal Typewriting Company of New York for the best speed in typewriting for fifteen minutes with no error. Cecil Starnes won the typewriter by writing unfamiliar matter at sixty-three words per minute.

Young friend, you can make no mistake attending a school that, by the use of its own copyrighted system, trains you in half the time and at half the cost of other schools so that you can win typewriters, medals, world's records, and hold the best high salaried position in Dallas, "the city of employment." A large catalog will be mailed free upon request.

Byrne Commercial College, 1708 Commerce St., (opposite Post Office) Dallas.

FIVE U. S. MARINES ARE KILLED

Two Dead in Dallas From Cold Wave

23 OTHERS WOUNDED; REBEL FORCES IN NICARAGUA MAKE ATTACK; THOUGHT MANY REBELS KILLED AND WOUNDED

Your Home Town

Some real, honest-to-goodness home-town philosophy is contained in an interesting story found in the column "Did You Ever Stop to Think," by Edson R. Waite. Among other things he says that, as a city booster you should patronize the merchants of your own home city; they have a reputation for fair dealing and honesty; you will find their names in the advertising columns of your newspaper; Their advertising tells you of the best merchandise and where to buy it; If careful attention is paid to the advertising, many people will find it costs no more to live in comfort than to "just get along."

Real economy consists of spending your money where you get the best goods and the best prices. Read the ads!

Citizens who buy at home show their loyalty.

They translate loyalty into deeds. They are the ones who keep business moving.

When business is kept moving your city is prosperous. Keep your city prosperous.

The merchant who gets ahead has a forward vision and advertises! That is why he gets ahead.

Keen vision is a big business asset. A dollar saved is a dollar earned.

You should read the advertisements—they are money-savers!

WELCOME, 1928.

Goodbye, 1927.

Welcome, 1928.

Without much ado, the old year swiftly took its departure at midnight Saturday; and, with watch parties and the like, amidst much gaiety and merriment, 1928 was given a grand welcome and reception upon its arrival immediately after.

Passing by our faults and failures the past year, because they are past and can not be helped, let us turn to the new year with renewed hope and determination and with a firmer intent to make 1928 worth while.

Y. H. T. is thankful that he lives in such a friendly and fine city as McKinney.

He is thankful for the excellent school system and the splendid churches found here.

He is thankful for the generally excellent health the city has enjoyed the past year.

He is thankful for the progressive citizenship in McKinney, responsible for the many enterprises already found here, for the rebuilt court house, remodeled and new churches, new factories to locate here during the new year—a citizenship not too conservative, not too radical.

He is thankful for such a large number of true and tried friends.

He is thankful for the many advantages which civic enterprise has made it possible for all of us to enjoy.

He is thankful for the many public enterprises and organizations—such as the Chamber of Commerce, City Federation, Rotary and Lions clubs, church organizations and other bodies having for their purpose a bigger and better McKinney.

In fact, we all have a great many reasons for which to be thankful to our Creator for being permitted to live in McKinney. If we make it a practice to count our blessings every day during the new year, 1928, will mean much more to us. Try it and see.

EVERETT BURNSIDE RENEWS WEEKLY FOR FATHER

Everett Burnside, McKinney, Route 5, called at this office and renewed The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for his father, A. L. Burnside. We thank you.

MISS ARA SIMPSON AND HALSELL DAVIS ARE MARRIED HERE.

TEACHER IN ANNA SCHOOL BECOMES BRIDE OF DISTRICT CLERK.



HALSELL DAVIS.

A marriage of great interest in McKinney and Collin county was performed Saturday night at 6 o'clock in this city, when Miss Ara Simpson became the bride of Halsell Davis, popular and well-known district clerk. The ceremony was performed at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. G. B. Althart, a cousin of the groom.

The bride and groom were accompanied by Miss Pearl Davis, sister of the groom, and Phil Wolford. Miss Simpson was lovely in an early tweed spring suit with accessories to harmonize. The happy couple left on a week's wedding trip after which they will return to McKinney and will be at home in this city.

Miss Simpson is a popular and efficient teacher in the Anna public school. She has been teaching in various schools in the county for the past three or four years, and is beloved by all her pupils and everyone who knows her.

The groom is one of the best known and most popular county residents and public servants. He is an overseas World war veteran and while serving in the World war he distinguished himself with glory and honor. He was recently elected district clerk in which office he is making a most faithful and competent servant of the people.

The numerous friends of this happy bride and groom are congratulating them on their entering upon the matrimonial sea and wish for them many years of happy wedded life together.

C. J. SMITH SHOWS NEW CHEVROLET AT SHOWROOMS HERE

MANY PEOPLE ARE CALLING TO INSPECT NEW CAR AND CONGRATULATE HIM.

C. J. Smith, local Chevrolet dealer, is displaying the new model Chevrolet automobiles in his showrooms this week. Many people are calling to inspect the new car and extend congratulations on the improved appearance of the new Chevrolet. An illustrated story of the new models appear on the inside pages of today's Daily Courier-Gazette.

C. J. Smith is one of North Texas' outstanding automobile dealers and is anticipating a big business in his line in 1928. He extends a cordial invitation to the general public to view the new Chevrolet at his showrooms.

Mrs. Katherine Thomson has gone to Denton to participate in the N. T. S. T. C. there for the coming term.

Relief Promised In Weather After Severe Cold Spell

Relief from the extremely frigid weather experienced in this city and vicinity since Friday night, is promised local citizens, beginning Monday. The cold spell, which sent the thermometer down to 5 degrees Sunday night was the worst experienced here since 1918.

A minimum temperature of 5 degrees was recorded Monday morning, compared with 3 degrees at the same time Sunday morning, when the temperature dropped lower than it has since 1918.

The severe weather covers all

Texas, the chilly blasts from the North having sent down the temperature to low marks as far as the Gulf coast, which usually enjoys balmy weather all winter long. Corpus Christi reported 22 degrees Monday morning. Brownsville reported 30 degrees, cloudy weather, having intervened to moderate the temperature. Much loss of citrus and vegetable crops probably has been averted in the lower Rio Grande valley by the weather change there, but the damage has been heavy in other South Texas sections, it is expected.

HAS CONFIDENCE IN BUSINESS OUTLOOK HERE DURING 1928

W. AVERY DOWELL HOPEFUL FOR CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND NATION.



W. AVERY DOWELL.

The Dallas News had the following in their issue of Sunday, Jan. 1, 1928.

"W. A. Dowell, local wholesale and retail merchant, bank director, extensive property owner and leader in civic affairs, expressed confidence in the business outlook of McKinney, Collin county, Texas and the United States during 1928.

"During the last two years, which were excessively wet ones, farmers were at a disadvantage," he said. "These were unfavorable cotton years for Collin county, and on account of wet weather boll worms and weevils largely cut down cotton yields.

J. FRANK NORRIS HOUSE DESTROYED

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 2.—Fire destroyed the home of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church, here Sunday, causing damage estimated at \$15,000.

Rev. Norris was conducting Sunday school at the time of the blaze. His wife, who has been ill for several weeks, and her mother, Mrs. J. M. Gaddy, 84, were in the house at the time.

A comparatively open fall and winter thus far this season has enabled farmers to get well up with their work and they have land prepared and in fine condition for the next crop. Another good crop was made this year in Collin county; also, other feed crops were good. Farmers diversified more than usual this year, which they have found to be a profitable experiment. Many of them have saved money and local banks are making a good financial showing as a result.

"Farmers are awakening under the leadership of the Dallas News to the importance of raising more cotton on fewer acres," and leaving more of their land to be planted to other crops. Good seed, good lint and standardized gins are materially helping farmers to increase their net annual receipts.

"Raising more and better brood live stock and poultry also are adding to the annual net farm income. Farmers of Collin county embark upon 1928 owing much less indebtedness than they did a year ago. As a rule, good crops follow a dry fall and cold winter. Farmers of this section are striving to raise their own living at home so the proceeds of their staple crops may be more in the nature of net earnings hereafter than ever before."

MUCH SUFFERING BECAUSE OF LOW GAS PRESSURE

FIREMEN, POLICE HAVE ONE BUSIEST PERIODS IN HISTORY.

DALLAS, Jan. 12.—Two deaths, one from fire, and one from exposure, with 103 fire alarms and a series of holdups, safe crackings and accidents contributed to the records in the Emergency hospital, Central Fire station and police and detective headquarters Monday morning. There was a third death from an automobile accident.

The week-end which ushered in the new year was one of the busiest the three departments of the city have known recently.

Many fires resulted from gas being cut off in the north and east portions of the city. Residents set up wood and coal stoves, employing flues which had not been used probably in years.

Eight persons were hurt in automobile accidents, one received a fractured arm when cranking his car, and a child was injured when she was carried a block, hanging in the door of a street car, where her hand had caught.

Detectives recovered two diamond scarf-pins valued at \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Marcel Lopez 3-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez Lopez, 2818 Indiana alley, was burned to death when her parents' house and two adjacent houses were destroyed by fire Sunday night.

GARMENT FACTORY TO OCCUPY ELKS CLUB BUILDING

UPPER STORY WILL BE CONVERTED TO USE OF NEW McKINNEY PLANT.

Conversion of the Elks lodge and dance hall into a garment factory by R. F. Pool and associates of Sherman and McKinney has been announced, following the leasing of the upstairs of the Elks home by the company. F. D. Perkins, owner of the building has announced to 50 people. The machinery for the lower floor as club rooms, it is said.

The garment factory will begin operation with a capital of \$40,000 within 3 to 60 days, employing 20 the plant has already been bought.

Bishop Family Visit Old Home And Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones and daughter, Miss Florine of Bishop, South Texas, left McKinney early Thursday morning on their return home after a visit to relatives in McKinney, Sherman and Athens. They made the trip to North Texas in their auto. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Della Allison, who was born and reared in McKinney. They visited her father, Scott Allison and her sister, George M. Wilson and family in McKinney.

Miss Florine is a talented young lady, at the present time being a student in the South Texas State Teachers' college at Kingsville. She is accomplished, both in music and as a reader.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bristol and son, Jack Jr., of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bristol, of Naacogdoches; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall of Tyler, and Miss Bernadine Bristol, student at C. I. A., Denton, spent the Christmas holidays in McKinney with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bristol.

Miss Ruth Gammons of Allen, Route 1, called at this office and renewed The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for her mother, Mrs. M. D. Gammons. Thanks.

Managua, Nicaragua, January 2.—Because of the expert manner in which a group of bandits attacked some United States Marines, when five Marines were killed and three others wounded, has caused officers and those in charge to wonder if the rebels had not had other military training than under rebel leaders. However, there were no evidences that to prove their suspicion.

The rebel forces were said to have been well equipped and well armed. It was this fact that led officers to suspect that outside aid had backed the anti-government forces. The slightly wounded were injured by fragments from bombs which the rebels tossed into the ranks of the Americans.

In reports to headquarters reinforcements were asked. Combat patrols from Teplanaca and Ocatil were dispatched to the aid of the forces at Quilali as soon as the message telling of the battle was received.

J. F. MORRIS AND WIFE PAY VISIT

J. F. Morris and wife who live on Route 5, out of McKinney paid us an appreciated call Saturday and renewed their subscription to The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for 1928. We thank them for their friendship and patronage.

DAN E. NEATHERY IS IN RACE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

PROMINENT FARMERSVILLE CITIZEN PAYS US A FRIENDLY VISIT.



DAN E. NEATHERY.

This office had a very pleasant call from Dan E. Neathery of Farmersville, an old-time friend, who authorized us to announce him for tax collector of Collin county, subject to the Democratic primary of July 28, 1928.

Mr. Neathery is a native of Collin county, being born in Farmersville, where he has spent his entire life with the exception of five years, when he resided in McKinney, when he was county treasurer of this county, some years ago.

Mr. Neathery has been engaged in business in Farmersville nearly all his life; is a successful business man, well qualified and one of the most pleasing, congenial men with whom we ever had the pleasure to come in contact.

He has been a member of the city council of Farmersville for some twenty years, has been chief of the fire department of that city, being chief today. Upon his qualifications, fitness and general information, he seeks the high and important office of tax collector of this county, one of the real important positions of our county government. His friends claim that he is competent, painstaking, worthy, sober and would make the county an ideal and efficient officer.

He has many friends from every

L. R. HOOVER MADE PRESIDENT BAPTIST MEN'S S. S. CLASS

OTHER OFFICERS ARE ELECTED; W. S. SMITH IS TEACHER.



L. R. HOOVER.

At a business session of the Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church Sunday school Sunday morning, L. R. Hoover was elected president of the class. Mr. Hoover has served as president of the class for the past year and has gained such a hold on the men that they are glad to have him lead them during 1928.

Mr. Hoover is the popular manager of the Paris Wholesale Grocer company of this city, a member of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church and one of the First Church's most loyal members and gives of his means as well as of his time to all causes fostered by the church.

Other members of the class elected Sunday are as follows:

Jesse Burton, first vice president. Walter Howell, second vice president.

Walter Kindel, third vice president.

Ray Ashley, secretary. Clyde Cunningham, treasurer.

W. S. Smith is the teacher of the men's class and is rated as one of the best teachers of men's classes in the entire territory covered by the Southern Baptist convention.

L. Vernie Graves, chairman of the nomination committee, appointed the previous Sunday placed all the men in nomination and they were elected by a unanimous vote of the class. Mr. Graves in placing the new names in nomination paid the officers serving the past year a merited compliment and called upon the men to back up the new officers by living the right kind of lives and thereby helping the class and the entire city as well.

section of the county, who has courteously asked him to run for this office, and who will be glad to support him and do their best to elect him.

These editors have known Dan for more than a quarter of a century. We know him to be a high class, intelligent and sober gentleman, easy to approach and worthy of the confidence of our fellow citizens. When the time comes to cast your ballot on July 28, 1928, he asks you to kindly leave his name on the ticket, for which he takes this opportunity of thanking you in advance.

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PHONES 64 and 65.
McKinney, Texas.Praise undeserved is satire in dis-
guise.—Anon.Peace is rarely denied the peace-
ful.—Schiller.Pardon others often, thyself nev-
er.—Publius Syrus.The Paris News says: not all
types make good typists.They have sown the wind, and
they shall reap the whirlwind.—Ho-
sea viii, 7.Not many more days remain in
which to make your New Year's
resolutions. Get busy.Isn't the sunshine enjoyable es-
pecially after we have had several
days of bad weather?We do not love people so much
for the good they have done us, as
for the good we have done them.—
Tolstoy.The Paris News tells us that there
may be some truth in the statement
that a few glasses of corn makes
a fellow feel his oats."Invoicing" seems to be the or-
der of the day in McKinney, local
business firms taking an invoice
of their stock of goods.The Texas State Library and His-
torical commission at Austin has
more than 71,000 volumes in addi-
tion to 25,000 pamphlets and 80-
000 manuscripts.The Denton Record-Chronicle says
that the Cisco bank bandit who don-
ned a Santa Claus uniform as a
disguise has convinced many fathers
that he had on the correct
garb.We hope you extended greetings
to all holiday visitors in McKinney.
The office "force" is back again
on the job and running normal af-
ter spending a most enjoyable
Christmas, some of our employees
and families spending Christmas in
adjoining states.

RECOGNIZED.

We read in the Denton Record-
Chronicle that the Texas brand of
oil and Texas players are in a
way to receive national recog-
nition following the two important
post-season games played Monday.
The stellar performance of Gerald
Mann of Southern Methodist univer-
sity, Joel Hunt of A. & M. college
and Rags Matthews of Texas Chris-
tian university in the East-West
game in California should place the
Southwestern conference on a much
higher level. At the same time,
the outstanding victory of the
Waco High school team gives Waco
a legitimate claim for the na-
tion-wide high school championship.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS

WHY IOWA SOIL DOES NOT
WASH.Said a recent visitor to the office
of the Farm and Ranch: "I traveled:
"I traveled through the western sec-
tion of Iowa this summer. The high-
way wound around among the hills
bordering the Missouri river. I never
saw a mere rolling country. Every
hill was in cultivation, yet I
never saw a ditch or a washed-out
place in any of these fields nor did
I see a single terrace." Then he
asked:"Why do we either have to ter-
race in Texas or have our best soil
washed into nearby streams and
waterways? Why do we have to
terrace fields that are almost level?"The answer is found in the dif-
ference in systems of cropping and
cultivation. The Iowa farmer long
ago learned that good crops de-
pend upon the storage of moisture
for reserve use upon the fertility
of the soil. Therefore, Iowa far-
mers make it a regular practice torotate their crops; to apply manure
to their fields, and to plow into
the soil clovers and other legumes.
In brief, the Iowa farmer keeps
his soil full of organic matter, and
when the rains come the soil acts
as a sponge and soaks it up in-
stead of permitting it to race down
the hillside, cutting the field into
ditches and destroying its useful-
ness.Of course, some soils wash easier
than others, but there is no soil but
what will be benefited by crop ro-
tation and the plowing in of organ-
ic matter. Through the practice of
single-crop methods and failure to
follow these principles of good farm-
ing, landowners in Texas and other
Southern states are now spending
millions of dollars in the aggregate
in the building of terraces to pre-
vent soil washing, and in commer-
cial fertilizer as temporary stimulant
to crops.—Farm and Ranch.

CLOTHES FORCED ON US.

When primitive man and his wife
first took to wearing clothing they
did so because flies, gnats and divers
other bugs and insects were finding
unprotected human epidermis de-
lightful food and "leaky pickings,"
according to Dr. Knight Dunlap of
the Johns Hopkins university.It was not for modesty but for
protection that leopard-skin frock
coats and bear-skin step-ins were in-
vented, he maintains.His answer to the question, "How
did we start wearing clothes?" is
simple. It originated with Mother
Necessity, who, he agrees, is a rather
hard-boiled mamma."Crawling and flying pests are
with primitive man abundantly and
very intimately," says Dr. Dunlap.
He has presented his views in a
scientific article to be published in
the Journal of General Psychology."The fly protections we have cus-
tomarily used on our domestic ani-
mals are exactly the types of primi-
tive human clothing which have
baffled the early anthropologists."Dr. Dunlap declared that skins of
wild animals could be wrapped
tightly about the bodies of primi-
tive folk in cold countries, but in
warm countries it is impossible."Much more efficient protection is
afforded by hanging strings, leaves,
strips of hide, animals' tails and sim-
ilar objects so that they will flap
with the movements of the wearer,"
he points out. "In other words, the
best flychasers are exactly the gar-
ments most characteristic of savages
and primitive man. These afford
protection without undue warmth or
exclusion of ventilation."Previous theories have been that
primitive people and prehistoric
man wore clothing for two reasons
—for modesty's sake; and for im-
modesty, that is, to make the wear-
er gaudy and unusual in appearance.
But Mr. Dunlap has discarded these
ideas.—Baltimore Sun.BETTER MOTHERS FOR BET-
TER BABIES.Last year Vassar college launched
an experiment which it called an
Institute of Euthenics, a term whose
relation to eugenics is readily recog-
nizable, and which in brief may
be described as the science of im-
proving everyday living. This past
summer temperatures and through
its doors promptly came twice as
many grown-ups and three times as
many children as in the previous
session—a rate of growth which au-
gurs public interest in the project.As one of the mothers at the in-
stitute said, "The most encourag-
ing feature of this whole plan is
that there are so many of us moth-
ers who realize that we still have
much to learn about our babies and
our homes." She might have added
the equally encouraging reverse
truth that science is realizing that its
contributions to the home and to
family life are not least among its
responsibilities and powers.The dog turning round and round
before he sleeps on the hearth-rug
is only, so some speculative minds
hold, trying to reproduce to his own
satisfaction the forest background
that is his birthright. So man seek-
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by the Euthenics institute, by, we
feel, the Companion, and by many
another organization. The remote
purpose is the impulse that has lift-
ed the race from its far beginnings
—the impulse to make the good
better, better babies, better mothers,
better humanity.—Woman's Home
Companion.

NEWS OR ADVERTISING?

"It will be a fortunate day for
the newspaper, for the reader and
for the advertiser when everything
that finds its way into the news
columns shall pass a valid test of
news value, and everything that
seeks to sell something shall be con-
fined to the advertising columns."Speaking before the district con-
vention of the International Adver-
tising association, Mr. Alfonso
Jones of the Dallas News, thus ex-
pressing his view of the proper re-
lation between the news columns
and the advertising columns."It has always been a mystery to
me," he added, "why a high class
advertiser would ask a newspaper
to run propaganda in a news col-
umn when such a policy weakens
the advertising value of the page."There are, unfortunately, a good
many advertisers who overlook the
fact that they lessen the value of
a newspaper to them when they
persuade it to run advertising under
the guise of news. Furthermore,
they greatly exaggerate the value
of that sort of publicity. The pub-
lic is more discriminating than they
give it credit for being, and when
a subscriber sees that sort of pub-
licity day after day, he soon learns
to distinguish between it and gen-
uine news. The growing tendency
of advertisers to try to break into
the news columns is working ad-
versely to their interests.Not so many years ago, newspa-
pers were inclined to go to the other
extreme. They would sometimes
fail to print real news when it hap-
pened to have something in the na-
ture of advertising in it. These days
they too, frequently print advertis-
ing that has little or no news value
in it, under the guise of news. No
newspaper objects to giving free
publicity when there is real news
in it.The proper test is the one which
Mr. Johnson recommends. If it's
news, print it as such, even if it
does advertise somebody. If it's ad-
vertising, print it as such without
attempting to disguise it.—Wichita
Falls Times.REV. W. A. STUCKEY
AND FAMILY WERE
VISITORS IN CITYHIS SON, REV. L. N. STUCKEY IS
PASTOR ONE LARGEST
SOUTHERN CHURCHES.Rev. W. A. Stuckey and wife of
Dallas and their two children, Rev.
Lewis N. Stuckey of Amarillo and
Miss Christine Stuckey, a teacher of
Amarillo, visited in the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Horace Neilson Wednesday
afternoon. Mr. Neilson, who is city
attorney of McKinney, is a nephew
of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Stuckey.The Revs. Stuckey, father and son,
as well as Mrs. Stuckey and Miss
Stuckey, all attended the mid-week
prayer meeting at the First Meth-
odist church at night and Rev. W.
A. Stuckey made the scriptural talk
of the service for Rev. J. A. Old,
the present pastor.Rev. W. A. Stuckey was pastor of
the First church this city for two
years from 1901 to 1903. He and
his family have many staunch
friends and acquaintances in Mc-
Kinney. He and Mrs. Stuckey are
now living in their own home in
North Dallas after a very active
ministerial life of forty-five years,
practically all of which was spent
in the North Texas conference as
pastor or presiding elder. At the
recent annual conference at Dallas
in November, Rev. Mr. Stuckey re-
tired from the active pastorate.However, he is quite vigorous in
both mind and body and preaches
some in various churches that are
anxious to have him occupy their
pulpits.Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey is pastor
of the Polk Street Methodist church
of Amarillo, which has a member-
ship of about 2,500. Rev. L. N.
Stuckey has been pastor there for
nearly three years. Under his lead-
ership, the congregation is erecting
a new church plant costing a half
million dollars, which will be com-
pleted in the next two or three
weeks. It is one of the finest and
most imposing church edifices of any
denomination in the state.

W. V. Miller Renews.

The Weekly Democrat-Gazette will
go another year to its good Prince-
ton friend and reader, W. V. Miller,
who also takes the Semi-Weekly
Farm News at our clubbing rate—
both papers one year for only \$1.50.R. E. POOL JR. OF
SHERMAN SOON TO
MOVE TO MCKINNEYR. E. Pool Jr. of Sherman is in
McKinney and will become a perma-
nent citizen, moving his family here
as soon as he can secure the prop-
er place. Mr. Pool will be the lo-
cal manager of the R. E. Pool Jr.,
Inc., which was recently organized
in McKinney known as the garment
factory. The capitalization of the
company is \$40,000, much of the
stock having been subscribed for by
local citizens.The garment factory has leased
the upper story of the Elks hall, a
new stairway will be built, an ele-
vator put in and the building oth-
erwise fitted up for this enterprise.
Mr. Pool says that it is hoped to
have the factory ready by January
10. He states that twenty-five work-
men will be employed from the
start.We welcome Mr. Pool and his
new enterprise to this city.TELEPHONE CO.
LINEMAN HURT
IN CAR CRASHF. R. Pinkston, lineman for the
North Texas Telephone company,
whose home is in Sherman, who
worked out from Denton, was se-
riously injured about 6:30 o'clock
Sunday afternoon on the pike, west
of Lovejoy, when the coupe in
which he was riding overturned.Pinkston was presumably on his
way to Sherman from Denton when
the accident occurred. The C. C.
Harris ambulance made a rush call
to the scene, finding the man un-
conscious. He was brought to the
McKinney City hospital, where he
is now a patient. He suffered a cut
on the head and other bruises about
the body.Reports from the hospital short-
ly after noon Monday stated that
he was resting as well as could be
expected.Painful Accident
To Blue Ridge BoyBarton Baker of Blue Ridge, son
of Commissioner and Mrs. W. M.
Baker, who had the misfortune last
Wednesday of having a baling wire
pierce his left eye, is recovering
from the painful injury. The young
man, about 17 or 18 years old, was
removing the baling wire from a
bale of hay, when it suddenly broke,
the end of the wire piercing his left
eye.An operation was necessary and
his left eye was removed by Dr. E.
L. Burton of this city. While his
accident is deeply regretted by his
many friends, all are glad that he
is recovering. He is a senior in the
Boyd High school in this city.Sold a Brood
Sow for \$72.90S. W. Dawson, who farms east of
Frisco about three miles, tells us
he sold an old brood sow which he
had fattened and for which he re-
ceived the sum of \$72.90 cash. Mr.
Max Owens of Carey purchased the
sow for the fat.This sow was of the Big Bone Po-
land China stock but had not been
registered. Mr. Dawson was figur-
ing on killing her when the opportu-
nity to sell presented itself, and now
he is glad he sold. Mr. Dawson tells
us Mrs. Dawson had sold 45 turkeys
for which she received \$235 and a few cents over,
retaining 8 hens and one gobbler. Mr.
Dawson was very much pleased that
there is something aside from cotton
from which the people of this county
may obtain a little cash.

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fered by the Collin County Farmers
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formation leading to arrest and con-
viction of any person or persons
found guilty of arson of any build-
ing or buildings insured with this
company.J. N. BUSH, President.
E. S. BROWN, Secretary.Business
AnnouncementWe wish to announce to the general public that the partnership
that has existed for the past fourteen years between Mr. J. F. Bone
and R. L. Ray in the shoe firm of Bone & Ray has been dissolved
by mutual agreement, Mr. Bone having sold his interest to Mr. R.
L. Ray.The business will be conducted in the future under the name
of the Ray Shoe Store.MR. LEONARD RAY WILL HAVE CHARGE OF
THE BUSINESSWe will endeavor to serve you in the future with the same
courteous, prompt and fair service as in the past. We wish to thank
you for your liberal patronage and we solicit a continuance of the
same.

Ray Shoe Store

West Side Square

McKinney, Texas

An Old Letter
Written in 1862
by Weston PartyH. D. Gilbert of Weston, accompan-
ied by young Ross Chandler, gave us
a call. He left a letter which was
written in 1862, and we are printing
it because of the interesting mem-
ories it recalls. The letter was writ-
ten by Mrs. Susan E. Gilbert to her
husband who was in the army.
Dayton, Ala., at home,
Oct. 21, 1862.My Dear Husband:
The mail brings me no letter from
you to-day. I will write however,
hoping if you have left Huntsville
it may possibly reach you.Will Jones was in town to-day, but
did not come to see me. How sorry
I am being so anxious to hear all
about how you were situated and
what doing, more particularly to
know if you needed any clothes and
what kind. Ma has woven the cloth
for your coat and pants and only
waiting to hear from you during
the winter, etc. etc. Mrs. Horton
said that she will not be sending
clothes in some time. If you need
them I had better pay Archie to take
them on rather than run the risk of
them being lost. What do you think
about it dearest?I have spent the day with ma. Aunt
Sue and Bettie are here on a visit.
Both asked to be kindly remembered
to you. The conscript officer is in
town. Has enrolled Billie Sanders
and Ashley Edson and others whose
names I have not heard. Persons
about here had become confident that
this part of the country would be ex-
empt. I am not sorry in the least
that the men are being taken in the
manner for they are by no means
better than my Absent All to be ex-
empt from the hardships of a soldier's
life. Emma McDimp is married to
Mr. Daniel Dean this evening.
The old lady thinks her family is
lastingly disgraced. She says that
an alliance with the Stegall family
would be desirable. I am better dar-
ling of my cold, but still the cough
continues which renders me very un-
easy. I have had no attack of that
tightness in my chest and difficulty
of breathing since week before last.
Oh! dearest how I want you here to
take care of me and tell me how to
what to do, for I am so fearful
my lungs are seriously injured. The
dear babies are all well. Bobbie is a
little fretful from teething. Hallie
and Susie are doing finely, talking
incessantly of papa when he is com-
ing home and what will be brought
them. You don't know dearest how
it makes my whole being thrill to
hear these little prattlers talk. In
my imagination you are present
speaking to all, but looking a world
of affection at your Dear Sue, for IW. H. Webb Buys
270 of Land
East of PlanoA deal has been consummated in
which W. H. Webb of Carrollton pur-
chased two hundred and seventy
acres of land from C. C. Gregory of
the Parker community. This land
is off the south part of the large
tract owned by Mr. Gregory, and bor-
ders on the Plano-Wylie pike about
three miles east of Plano.Mr. Webb will erect a new resi-
dence and new dairy barns and later
move his big dairy herd from Carrol-
lton to the new place. Mr. Webb has
over one hundred registered Jersey
cattle and is one of the most widely
known dairy men in North Texas.Rev. T. F. Hoffman, pastor of
the North McKinney Baptist church
and family were given a pleasant
surprise Wednesday night when
members of his church gave him
an old-fashioned pound cake which
included everything from a glass of
jelly to 100 pounds of sugar. Rev.
Hoffman and family moved to Mc-
Kinney this week and are now at
home at 705 North Bradley street.For colds, grip
and flu takeRelieves the congestion,
prevents complications,
and hastens recovery.

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Over Collin County Bank.

FIREMEN BANQUETED

The annual firemen's banquet, which has been a custom for almost a quarter of a century, given by the ladies' societies of the various churches of the city, was largely attended Thursday night at the First Christian church. For the first time, the firemen were accompanied by their wives and sweethearts.

On the account of the bereavement of Chief J. S. McKinney and City Commissioner A. M. Scott, they were not present.

Music was furnished throughout the evening by Mutt's Pirates, an orchestra composed of younger boys of the city.

Chief McKinney, who has always for a quarter of a century acted as toastmaster, not being present, Mayor Tom W. Perkins was requested to act in his place.

The invocation was given by Dr. R. L. Cowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The church was beautifully decorated, the Christmas spirit still being paramount throughout the evening.

The ladies were greeted on this happy occasion by Mrs. E. Peyton Adams, the beloved wife of Mr. E. Peyton Adams, in a very commendable and highly eulogistic way.

The principal address of the evening was furnished by Dewitt McMurray, editorial writer of the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and Sunday News and was replete throughout with wit and humor and the message of sincerity was one of the most eloquent and best received ever given in our city.

Commissioner Will J. Rhea was called upon by the toastmaster, Mayor Perkins, the mayor eulogizing Commissioner Rhea as an energetic co-operator for the city's good. Commissioner Rhea responded eloquently, giving great praise to the good ladies, who prepared this sumptuous repast for their faithfulness and co-operation.

The following pastor of our city, who were guests for the evening and who responded in short timely address were: Dr. R. Gibbs Mood, Dr. Clifford S. Weaver, Dr. J. A. Old, Rev. Benjamin Bean, Dr. R. L. Cowan and Dr. M. E. Hudson.

The press of the city was represented by P. C. Thompson, who responded eloquently, as well as feelingly, giving great praise to the fire boys.

The McKinney Fire department was organized in 1884, 44 years ago. There are four members who have given service of more than twenty-five years. Chief J. S. McKinney, the beloved head of the fire department, has seen active service with the department for more than thirty years. He is past president of the State Firemen's association of Texas, there being no more popular or well liked member in the entire state.

Some twenty-five years ago there was conceived by Mrs. F. M. Ward and Dr. Bell, a prominent minister of our city at that time in recognition of the faithful service voluntarily rendered by our fire boys that the various societies of the churches of our city should honor the boys once a year with a banquet. From that time up to the present, each and every year, the good ladies of the various societies of the churches have given the fire boys this annual banquet.

There are twenty-two active members of the volunteer fire department of McKinney. The equipment is probably the best of any town in Texas McKinney's size. The City commission and the fire boys all work together, the same as "twin brothers." Probably, in no city in Texas is there more harmony, respect and love than the City commission and the fire

PURCHASE OF L. R. & N. LINE BEING CONSIDERED

Possibility of the sale of the Louisiana Railway & Navigation line, New Orleans to McKinney and the extension of the line into Dallas and Fort Worth is reported in dispatches from Dallas. In this connection the following appearing in the Dallas News will be of interest here:

Railroad deals involving about \$28,000,000 and holding out prospect of a new line into both Dallas and Fort Worth were definitely discussed among local railroad men Wednesday on reports from Pine Bluff, Ark., that H. C. Couch and associates of that city are negotiating with the heirs of the late William Edenborn for the purchase of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Co. The property has a valuation of about \$15,000,000.

The Couch interests some time ago initiated steps to buy for about \$10,000,000 the Louisiana & Arkansas railway, about 300 miles in length, which extends from Hope, Ark., to Alexandria, La., by way of Shreveport. It also has a short branch from Packton, La., to Vidalia, which is on the Mississippi river just across from Natchez.

Application to buy the L. A. railway and the L. R. & N. railway, which extends from New Orleans by way of Shreveport to Greenville and McKinney, a total of 543 miles, are made before the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington about Jan. 16. It is conceded that it is probable some major trunk line system is behind the move.

Southwest Line Sought.
From time to time within the last few years it has been reported that the Illinois Central railroad has been contemplating entering the Southwest. The L. R. & N. railways have been repeatedly mentioned as the possible route to be acquired by this system for its westward expansion. More than a year ago the Illinois Central acquired control of the Alabama & Vicksburg and the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific, which extend from Meridian, Miss., westward to Shreveport, crossing the north and south line of the Illinois Central railroad, from Chicago to New Orleans at Jackson, Miss. With the further acquisition of the L. R. & N., the Illinois Central would have its own rails from Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans and other Eastern and Southern territory into North Texas.

Extension Possibilities.
Extension of the L. R. & N. to both Dallas and Fort Worth will be made by any major system talking over the line, it was said. Whether the Couch interests intend to operate the consolidated railroad properties they are not seeking to buy as a separate railroad system or whether they will in turn sell the two lines to some system such as the Illinois Central is a question interesting Dallas railroad men.

YOUNG LOUISIANA TEACHER AND WIFE VISITING IN CITY

Prof. W. A. Lawrence, A. B. and wife of Reeves, Allen parish, La., were visitors in McKinney Wednesday. This editor had the pleasure of meeting this cultured young couple, who have been married about a year. Mrs. Lawrence was reared at Savoy, Fannin county, and is a graduate of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton. She is a niece of Dan McMillan of Whitewright, one of our state's most widely known and highly honored business men and former-law makers.

Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence are visiting their relatives in this portion of Texas during the holidays. Prof. Lawrence has been teaching for seven or eight years in the state of Louisiana. The school of which he is principal has many pupils living on the farms of that parish, who ride back and forth from their home to the school every day in state operated motor busses. Prof. Lawrence states that there are now less than one-half dozen rural schools in the entire parish (corresponding to county in Texas) in which he is teaching. Louisiana like Texas, has a growing appreciation of the advantages of better educational facilities for her school boys and girls of both the farming, town and city districts.

Why He Succeeded

Honored politically and professionally, during his lifetime, Dr. R. V. Pierce, whose picture appears here, made a success few have equalled. His pure herbal remedies which have stood the test for many years are still among the "best sellers." Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a stomach alterative which makes the blood richer. It clears the skin, beautifies it, pimples and eruptions vanish quickly. This Discovery of Dr. Pierce's puts you in fine condition. All dealers have it in liquid or tablet form.

Send 10 cents for trial pkg. of tablets to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and write for free advice.

IN DISTRICT COURT

Hon. F. E. Wilcox, Judge.
Halsell S. Davis, Clerk.
Charles Sportsman, Chief Deputy.
Jewel E. Abernathy, County Attorney.
W. Clarence Dowdy, Assistant.

New Suits.

Frisco Independent School District vs. J. W. Risor, Texas.
E. E. Henry vs. Ada Henry, Divorce.

Howell N. Chapman vs. W. V. Lester, Suit on Note.

G. A. Taylor vs. Mrs. Rebecca Jane George et al, Debt and Foreclosure.
Collin County Levee Improvement District No. 1, filed fifteen suits for debt and foreclosure against the following parties: C. H. Craft et al; S. I. Carver et al; G. G. Evans; J. T. Proctor; Tom Carroll et al; A. F. Reese et al; J. J. Roddy et al; Joseph Pearce; J. W. Goch et al; R. L. Kinsey; T. E. Hall; J. J. Rickman et al; A. L. Carpenter et al; W. R. Carver et al; M. D. Proctor et al.

Farmersville National Bank vs. W. C. Nix and Nancy Nix et al, Suit on Note.

Habeas Corpus proceedings were held before Judge Wilcox Tuesday in the case of J. C. Henry charged with statutory offenses. Henry was released on a bond of \$2500.00.

COUNTY COURT

Hon. A. M. Weiford, Judge.
Miss Minnie Burrage, Clerk.
Paul Rike, Chief Deputy.

Pleas of Guilty.
The C. Devel, charged with swindling, fined \$5.00 and cost amounting to \$27.50 in two cases and sentenced to 15 days in jail in one case and five days in the other case.

Probate.
J. Ed Gibson has been appointed temporary administrator of the Estate of Samuel H. Payne, deceased. Bond set at \$40,000. Bond and oath approved and ordered recorded.

Marriage License.
James Leonard and Gladys Shirley, Floyd Kyle and Erma Hartline, J. H. Jackson and S. B. Craddock, Oral Robinson and Jessie Lena Walden.

L. C. Anderson and Alberta Bowen, Marion Mulder and Evelyn Bateman.

M. M. Spitzer and Willie W. Ketrick.

R. L. Fraze and Willie M. Bell, John Sullivan and Frankie Matthews.

William Hensley and Ona Lee Langston.

Lee Renfro and Magalene Noblitt, George Covington and Pauline Wisar.

Tom W. Allen and Ethel LaFollette, Homer Walker and Bonnie Blackwell.

W. L. Collard and Mildred V. George.

W. C. Bomar and Ira Lee Washington.

Roy L. Miller and Hazel Christie, M. H. Dillon and Viola Thompson, John Wheeler and Ernestine Barnhill.

J. W. McCandless and Maria Harris, LeRoy Steffey and Duffie Gaddy, Alexander P. Webster and Emily Lester.

W. E. Wright and Eddie Freeman.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

W. A. Kerby, Sheriff.
Ed Hlakeman, Office Deputy.
J. R. Hollandworth, Riding Deputy.
Phil West, Jailor.

The Sheriff's Department located thirteen half gallon jars of whiskey in a Ford car in the alley next to the Woodmen Hall Tuesday. No arrests have been made yet.

Jailer Phil West and wife provided the prisoners a Christmas dinner Monday, consisting of chicken and dressing, cranberries, pies, cakes, etc., and everything that usually goes with a good dinner.

JUSTICE COURT

Hon. Sid Williams, J. P.
Dink Meador, Constable.
Jim Sparlin, Deputy Constable.

Constable Meador made an arrest on a charge of drunkenness. A fine was paid.

City Officer Charlie Roberts made an arrest on a charge of drunkenness. The party was released on bond.

Deputy Hester Lewis filed a case against a party charging the establishment of a lottery.

City Officer Jap Smith arrested a party on a charge of drunkenness. Bond was made.

Constable Meador filed a case against a party charging petty theft. Bond was made.

The Sheriff's Department made four arrests on charges of gaming. Two fines were paid, and two of the parties released on bond.

Deputy Jim Sparlin arrested a party charged with drunkenness. A plea of guilty was entered and the party sent to the county farm to work out fine.

The Constable's Department arrested a Mexican, Ed Gonzales, on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquors. His bond was set at \$1000. The Mexican is still in jail.

OLD LAW FIRM IS DISSOLVED

The well-known law firm of Smith & Abernathy, by mutual consent, has been dissolved. This firm has been in existence for 14 years and has enjoyed an extensive practice in the county courts. These gentlemen will continue to maintain offices on the second floor of the new Newsome office building on the southwest corner of the public square, but will occupy separate office suites in the future in the practice of their profession.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

SHIRLEY TAYLOR ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR POSITION SUBJECT JULY PRIMARY.

S. G. (Shirley) Taylor of McKinney comes before our readers today with his formal announcement as a candidate for county clerk subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held July 28, next. Most of our readers are perhaps already fairly well acquainted with Mr. Taylor as he is a native born Collin man, born and reared on a farm near McKinney thirty-four years ago, educated in our public schools and normals and after attaining his majority, a teacher in our rural and independent district schools.

His mother passed away when he was only two years old. Being one of a large family of children, it was necessary for him, in the main, to educate himself beyond the district school. He largely made his own way through normals and in preparing himself for teaching in which profession he has been engaged for fifteen years with the exception of only one year that he spent in the military service of our country during the World War. For the past eight years he has most acceptably filled the principalship of the J. W. Webb (East) Ward school in McKinney. His ambition to better qualify himself for his profession in life has led him into constant study and he is steadily advancing on his degree work. He is thrifty, industrious, genial and courteous to those with whom he comes in contact, and is held in the utmost esteem by all who know him.

In his previous race for county clerk two years ago, he was third in a list of six candidates—being only 579 votes behind the winner and less than 250 votes behind the second in the race. He very greatly appreciates that splendid endorsement. While he now thanks all who voted for him, yet he has nothing but the kindest of feelings for those who saw fit to cast their ballots in that campaign for his opponent, each of whom he concedes was creditably qualified to ably and efficiently fill the office.

He submits his candidacy in the present campaign for your consideration only upon his own merits and qualifications to discharge the duties efficiently as your public servant in this very important office of your county. He assures you that any consideration you can give his candidacy will be appreciated by him in a way that he can only express in the fullest by his most faithful public service. We recommend Mr. Taylor's candidacy to your earnest consideration when you come select your choice for your next county clerkship.

FOR COMMISSIONER

J. D. FREEMAN SEEKS PLACE IN DISTRICT NO. 1—RESIDENT OF BLOOMDALE.

Please look over the announcement column, where you will find the name of J. D. Freeman of the Bloomdale community, who desires the support and influence of the Democratic voters of Precinct No. 1, for county commissioner, composed of the following boxes: Northwest and North McKinney, Rhea, Mills, Roland, Prosper, Anna, Melissa and Collina.

Mr. Freeman, life-long Democrat, announces subject to the Democratic primary, July 28, 1928. Mr. Freeman is a native Texan, coming to Collin county in 1927. He is a farmer by profession, living on, owning and running a farm of his own in the Bloomdale community. He has never run for office before. Mr. Freeman is a clean, clever, high-class gentleman, having the respect and confidence of everyone who knows him. He has made a success of farming, and his friends believe that he is competent and would make an excellent county commissioner, because he is honest, fair and square.

He expects to see all the voters in the precinct before the primary, and we kindly ask one and all to consider his candidacy at the Democratic primary on July 28, 1928.

FOR COMMISSIONER

J. K. (JACK) FRYER MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PLACE IN DISTRICT NO. 2.

It is with pleasure that we announce in the proper column the name of J. K. (Jack) Fryer for county commissioner of Precinct No. 2, composed of the following boxes: Southeast McKinney, Princeton, South Farmersville, Josephine, Nevada, Millwood, Lavon, Clear Lake, Wylie, Collick and Pump.

Mr. Fryer is a well-known business man of our city and has been traveling out of our city for a large wholesale firm. He resides with his family on a little suburban, 12-acre farm, about three miles south of McKinney, on the Main McKinney-Dallas pike. He has been successful in his own affairs, and his many friends claim to handle the people's affairs. Being of a friendly nature, he easily makes and keeps friends. He knows lots of people, but says he will know more when the campaign is over, and he will.

He announces subject to the Democratic primary of July 28, 1928. Upon his competency and efficiency for this very important office, he asks a kindly consideration of all voters of Precinct No. 2. Consider well his claims, because he is worthy and when you cast your ballot of 1928, he asks that you leave his name on the ticket.

Thanks to Mrs. Rubank.

Thanks to Mrs. W. W. Eubank, Route 2, Anna, for Weekly Democrat-Gazette renewal subscription for another year.

FOR SHERIFF

PERRY WATSON ANNOUNCES SUBJECT TO DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY NEXT JULY.



J. PERRY WATSON.

J. Perry Watson of McKinney authorizes us to announce his candidacy for sheriff of Collin county to the readers of the Daily Courier-Gazette and Weekly Democrat-Gazette. He will make the race subject to the Democratic primary next July.

J. Perry Watson was born and reared a few miles northeast of Plano. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson, who came to Collin county in 1877 from Georgia, and for many years lived on a farm northeast of Plano belonging to the late Col. W. M. Weaver of Plano. For a number of years J. Perry resided between Allen and Lucas and was engaged in farming, in which occupation he succeeded beyond the average farmer of that day and time. By hard work and thrifty habits he managed to purchase a farm of his own. Eight years ago Mr. Watson moved with his family to McKinney and was for three years government cotton statistician for Collin county under the Wilson administration. For two years he served as deputy sheriff of Collin county in which position he served with credit to himself and honor to the office.

Mr. Watson's wife was formerly Miss Pearl McKinney, daughter of Mr. Jim McKinney of McKinney. They have three children. The oldest daughter is now attending school at Denton Normal. Mr. Watson is a member of the First Baptist church of McKinney, and a teacher in the Sunday school of that church. He is indeed one of the county's most highly esteemed and respected Christian gentlemen.

This is the first time Mr. Watson has ever asked the voters of Collin county to vote for him, and if elected for the high office of sheriff, he promises to discharge the official duties of that office in such a way that will bring credit to himself and honor to the citizenship of grand old Collin.

In the past Mr. Watson has been found championing and voting for every moral question, and believes that the prohibition laws should be rigidly enforced. He also believes that all gambling violations in the county should be stopped, and promises, if elected, to see that the above laws and all others are enforced. Mr. Watson further promises that if there should be violations of the law such as theft, larceny, robbery, etc., that he will be right on the job and use everything in his power to apprehend the violators and will not neglect these duties in the hope of getting big rewards. As the county pays the sheriff's salary, Mr. Watson says that it will be his one aim to bring all law violators to justice regardless of rewards.

Another thing Mr. Watson wishes to stress in making his announcement to the voters of Collin county, is, if he is elected as sheriff he will give the citizenship of Collin county a complete change in office administration in accordance with the custom of Democratic principles. He states that he will select as his deputies men of the very highest personal character and ability and that he intends to make the office of sheriff of our county a place of welcome to men and women alike.

When you go to the polls to cast your vote we urge that you give Mr. Watson's candidacy a very careful and due consideration.

LANDS VALUED AT \$50,000 GIVEN TO T. C. U. BY ANNA MAN

Conveyance of farm land valued conservatively at \$50,000 or more to the Texas Christian university at Fort Worth by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shirley of Anna, Collin county, is reported in dispatches from Sherman. Deeds were filed with the Grayson county clerk this week.

The total in acres covered in the transfer is 528.8, and the consideration named is that of "promoting the cause of education in the State of Texas, and especially for the purpose of promoting and assisting the cause of education at Texas Christian university." Six separate tracts are included in the land covered by the deed.

Sends Weekly Renewal.

George M. Wright, Route 2, Farmersville, sends us \$2.50 for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette and the Semi-Weekly Farm News, both papers a year in advance. He is glad of the opportunity to take advantage of this special holiday subscription bargain offer of our paper.

FOR COMMISSIONER

S. O. SCOTT OFFERS FOR IM-PORTANT OFFICE—SEEKS PLACE DISTRICT 1.



S. O. SCOTT.

We are authorized to announce S. O. Scott for county commissioner of Precinct No. 1, composed of the following boxes: North and Northwest McKinney, Melissa, Anna, Roland, Collina, Prosper and Rhea Mills.

Mr. Scott is a native of Collin county, a pioneer in good roads' building, a successful business man, large farm-owner and a competent, first-class business man, having made a success of his own affairs, his friends believe that he is competent to attend to the affairs of the people.

A life-long Democrat, he announces subject to the Democratic primary, July 28, 1928.

Several years ago, Mr. Scott was elected and served four years as one of our county commissioners, when he resided at Melissa, and the county was under a more efficient, or painstaking official. With this experience, and being a well-rounded-out business man, his friends claim that no man in our entire county can fill the place with more satisfaction to the entire precinct.

Mr. Scott is a friendly, liberal to a fault, citizen, whose friends urge his efficiency, competency and experience in filling this very important office.

BLUE RIDGE RESIDENT FOR 40 YEARS DIES

J. C. Bloomer, 61 years old, who had resided for the past forty years near Blue Ridge, died there December 20, after several weeks' illness. Mr. Bloomer had been engaged in farming practically all of his life. Funeral services were conducted at Stony Point church by Rev. Elmore of Blue Ridge.

The deceased is survived by his wife and a number of nephews and nieces over the county. He and his wife never reared any children of their own but raised about fourteen orphan children, eight of whom survive.

He was a man of rugged integrity of character, and who was much beloved by all who knew him. He had resided in this county for nearly a half century, and was held in the highest esteem by his acquaintances. Besides his grief stricken wife a host of friends mourn his death.

NEW MANAGER ELLIOTT LUMBER

The J. T. Elliott Lumber company announces a new manager for their lumber firm in our city, Mr. Leo Spillman, who succeeds Mr. L. L. Elliott. He having severed connections with that company, Mr. Elliott has been engaged in the lumber business in McKinney for a third of a century, and is a well liked business man. He has not announced his business connections for the future. We hope he will continue to reside in our city. We welcome Mr. Spillman, the new manager, to our city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Grayson, who have been living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harris the past winter have moved to Dallas.

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FATHER TIP EDD'S PASSES AWAY AT SHERMAN HOME

Harvey Edds, aged 75, died Monday night at his late home in Sherman. While he had been in feeble health for some time, yet he was bedfast only for a couple of days preceding his demise. His burial took place at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 27, in the Ware cemetery, one-half mile west of Walnut Grove and located near Rhea Mills in this county.

The deceased was born September 12, 1852 in Lee county, Virginia. He came to Texas 41 years ago and settled in the Rockhill community, 10 miles west of McKinney, where he bought a farm and resided for many years. About 10 years ago he moved to Sherman, where he continued to make his home the remainder of his life. His wife died August 1, 1926.

The deceased is survived by four sons as follows: Tip Edds of McKinney, Charlie, Crockett and Edd Edds, all of Sherman. Another son, Frank Edds, passed away about twelve or fifteen years ago, while the family were residing at Rockhill.

The deceased was the last of a large family of eleven children to pass away. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church and was held in high esteem by those who knew him, as an upright citizen and respected neighbor and friend.

J. M. Crockett of McKinney, who was also born in Lee county, Virginia, knew the family of the deceased well, both in Virginia and in Texas. Mr. Crockett went out to the Ware cemetery and superintended the digging of the grave for his life-long friend and former neighbor.

TEACHER FOR 40 YEARS DIES

C. J. Denton, Sherman Central High school principal and a teacher and superintendent of two schools since 1901, died Saturday at his home in Sherman of paralysis, from which he had suffered for two years. Funeral services were held from Central Christian church Monday at 2 p. m., with burial in Sherman.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons, and his father, E. C. L. Denton of Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Denton was born in Bowling Green, Ky.; educated in Tennessee and went to Era, Texas, in 1901. He had been superintendent at Era, Wylie, Lancaster, Lone Oak and Whitewright before coming to Sherman seven years ago. He held his post at Central High here for a short time after school opened this fall, when he was forced to resign through sickness. He administered his office much of the time last year from a wheel chair.

Mr. Denton was 59 years old and had been teaching since he was 19.

Happy Day at the Davis Farm Blue Ridge

On Friday, December 23, one mile north of Blue Ridge on the I. E. & S. Davis farm, the brothers, I. E. and S. A. Davis decided to have a Christmas display for the entertainment of their friends and the contribution of names bearing presents were as follows:

Bertha Hood, Ellis Burns, Myrtle Walker, Mary Ausburn, Blanche Turner, Manchester, Texas; Mrs. Opal Howard, Roberta Brown, Nocona, Texas; Claud Mulder, Onal Breckman, Lucile Young, Mrs. Rose Calhoun, Mrs. Susan Walker, Leslie Mulder, Mrs. Linnie Young, Helen Ausburn, Jake Hood, Leon Bowzer, Ethel Howard, Oscar Calhoun, George Taylor, Mrs. Goldie Kent, Troy Walker, Claud Walker, Jessie Howard, Haden Walker, Rose Mulder, Vivian Saye, Mrs. Mattie Cullifer, Lucile Vaughn, Opal Bowers, Fred Pamplin, Moden Mulder, Hettie Walker, Waldmoden Burns, Mrs. Mary Ausburn, Jack Howard, Marshall Palmer, Marvin Tillet, Christopher Pate, Paul Howard, George Howard, Clint Howard, Frank Blackwell, McKinney; Mrs. Frank Blackwell, Little Miss Mary Blackwell, J. B. Gladden, Homer L. Coffee, Bill Brown, Nocona, Texas, Arthur Mulder, B. F. Pamplin, J. M. Young, Jr., Frank Wheatley, McKinney; Estell Davis, Miss Estell Davis, Mrs. Gilbert Huffines, Mrs. F. N. Milburn, Mrs. J. R. Sash, of St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. Blair, Locust Hill, Kentucky.

All that visited their place was highly delighted. These two gentlemen are held in the highest esteem in their community of somewhere in Kentucky by birth and we are glad to have such men in our midst for of such is the kingdom below on an average. All joined me in their congratulations and wishing to have many more Christmases with such men.

B. F. PAMPLIN,
T. ROY WALKER.

ANOTHER NEW READER OF OUR BIG WEEKLY

J. H. Templeman, Blue Ridge, Route 1, is a new subscriber for The Weekly Democrat-Gazette. We are glad to enroll him on our big list of subscribers.

W. J. Dooley of Waco spent the holidays with his brother, T. P. Dooley, and family here. Mr. Dooley is well-known here where he frequently visits relatives. He is an expert sign writer and decorator and has done much work here.

MUSICAL PROGRAM FEATURES MEETING LOCAL LION CLUB

A musical program by Mrs. Veda Samuel Stacy and Mrs. J. Sanford Nail featured the Lions club meeting Wednesday noon at the First Methodist church. Mrs. Stacy gave a solo and for an encore gave a Ford song, "Since Lizzie Changed Her Name to Baby Lincoln." Mrs. Nail was her accompanist. Both are artists whose appearance before the Lions always assures a pleasing and delightful program.

The program was presented by Lions Ira Anderson and Clint Ballard. Mr. Anderson acted as program chairman. Guests of the day were Mims, Stacy and Nail, guests of the club; John G. Moore, former McKinney Lion, now of Abilene, guest of Newton J. Burkett; Ben W. Smith of Prosper and C. A. Powell of Dallas, guests of R. J. Walton.

The program committee for Jan. 5 will be Charles Graves and Wallace Hughton.

Inspiring talks were made by Lions Thomas Johnson, Abilene; Dewey Gamble, Ward Worthy and John G. Moore, Lion Worthy's talk centered about Lions and the value of membership to the individual.

He told the club he considered his Lion membership of great help to him in commercial and civic enterprise, and that he had profited by the fellowship he had enjoyed in the organization.

The club members gave a cordial welcome to John Moore, who formerly was a member of the local club, but is now a ministerial student at Abilene.

Untimely Death Of Former Collin County Man

Texico, N. Mexico.

On Wednesday evening, our townsman, William Don Flippin, who had been sick for a few days, was rushed to the Clovis hospital for operation, when it was discovered his appendix had already burst.

He died at 1:30 Saturday morning, to the deep sorrow of his loved ones.

The beautiful funeral sermon was preached Sunday afternoon by Pastor Howard Rogers at the Christian church in Clovis in a fitting setting of lovely flowers and Christmas decorations. The Clovis choir discoursed beautiful and appropriate music. The body was then carried thru the clean white world of a snowy Nativity Day to Clovis Cemetery and tenderly lowered to its last rest, where the snow was brightened with the hue of many flowers.

The deceased was born in McKinney, Sept. 15, 1885, and grew up in the Bloomsdale neighborhood, in the old Flippin home. There he attended school and obeyed the gospel in his young manhood.

He moved his family to Texico about two years ago, and had built up an excellent mercantile business by his honest, pleasant and courteous personality. He was a loving husband and father, God's best gift to the children of earth is a loving and praise worthy father. This these children, Meta and Betty Lou, had. The sad, hearted wife was formerly Hattie Sneathen, who grew up at Frisco, and was an employee of J. C. Penny Co. in McKinney as many will remember. His sister, Mrs. Ruth Park, County Demonstration Agent was at his bedside. He is survived by his aged father, Don C. Flippin, and two other sisters, Mrs. May Barnes of Hugo, Okla.; Mrs. Pearl Flippin Price, of Star, Miss.; and one brother, Fred Flippin.

The active pallbearers were his friends and business associates at Texico, viz: W. W. Hall, a citizen of Frisco 18 years ago; Abe Williams, H. V. Hatten, Charles Lunsford, Roy Williams and Mack Shipley.

The relatives attending the funeral from afar were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sneathen and daughter, Mrs. Glen Smith of South Plains, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watson, of Floydada, and Frank Sneathen.

Our community is filled with friends who grieve at the going of this good man. Who offer their sympathy to the bereaved ones.

W. M. FRANKLIN.

Honored West Collin Woman Died Yesterday

Mrs. Mary Jane Bell, wife of J. B. Bell, died at their home near Prosper, Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The deceased was 77 years and 10 months of age. She is survived by her husband and three children, Leslie and Henry Bell, and Mrs. Bettie Maxie, all of Prosper. She has one sister, Mrs. Baker of Prosper. She leaves eleven grand children and six great grand children. The funeral will be held at the Presbyterian church in Prosper this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock. Revs. Evans and Osburn officiating. Burial will follow in the Walnut Grove cemetery. The deceased is one of an honored pioneer family of West Collin. A more extended notice of her death will appear next week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kimbrough, Jr. and children have returned to their home in Ennis after spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kimbrough Sr.

FRANK JACKSON WAS ONE OF BEST-KNOWN COLLIN RESIDENTS

Frank W. Jackson, for more than fifty years a resident of Collin county near Renner, has passed away in the fine country residence built under his own direction and equipped with all modern conveniences he had spent his declining years and in accordance with a wish often expressed, it was there he peacefully closed his eyes.

His neighbors during that long period will sadly miss him from their midst. He was always active for community betterments. He was president of the Renner State bank since its organization in 1913 and during that time he missed only one meeting of the board of directors and this meeting was held just a few days before his death. It was not his habit to neglect the minor things; his courtesy of kindness shown him ever seemed too small for his appreciation. It was a favorite expression of his that if any one had flowers for him he lived, he had them for him while he lived. His independence of character and self reliance were so pronounced that he doubtless received more thorns than flowers while living.

Perhaps his finest trait was his devotion to his family and his love for, and kindness toward children; his own children and grandchildren were the special objects of his pride and devotion but no child was too lowly to attract his kindly attention. A man with graying hair standing by his grave remarked that he would never forget Mr. Jackson's kindness to him when he was a small child. Doubtless the same thought was in the minds of many others who attended his funeral. Although the weather was disagreeable and threatening, those who came from every direction, many of them from a distance, to pay their last respects to their old friend would have easily filled the church twice over and the crowd at the cemetery was much larger.

Frank W. Jackson was positive and outspoken on all public questions; you always knew where he stood. Once his mind was made up, it was little worth while to ask him twice about it. His conclusions were based on what he thought best for the whole people. He was a Democrat in the truest sense of the word.

He had a warm greeting and a kindly word for everybody and delighted in extending the hospitality of his home. Since it is now too late to gratify his wish for flowers while his eyes were yet open and his kindly heart appreciated the sentiment that prompted their giving, it seems altogether fitting for those that he befriended during his long career to speak a kindly word in his memory.

H. W. COIT,
W. P. YARBROUGH,
AND OTHER NEIGHBORS.

Happy Occasion Christmas For Branch Folks

Christmas was a gala day in the home of J. R. Nickerson, two miles east of Branch. For the first Christmas in seventeen years, Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson and ten children sat at the same table, which was beautifully spread with all the good things pertaining to the day. Those present were: J. R. Nickerson, wife and six children, at home; son, Arthur, Pearl, Bessie, Jesse and Ethel; J. G. Nickerson, wife and four children; E. M. Nickerson, wife and three children; J. L. Nickerson, wife and four children; W. M. McMillan, wife and three children; W. G. Nickerson and I. M. and J. G. Bradley.

Mr. Nickerson is nearing 70 years of age and has spent thirty years of his life in Collin county, having settled at Allen nearly forty years ago. He lived near Allen for seventeen years, then moved to Art, Kansas and Oklahoma, where he lived for ten years. He then returned to Collin, where he has been since that time.

Insurance Co. Offers \$100 for Burners

The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., of which Ed Brown is the local secretary-treasurer, has reason to believe some one is setting fires in Collin county. Hence offers \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of any one guilty of setting fire to any property on which this company has written insurance.

The Farmers' Mutual of Collin county has been a great protection to thousands of farm homes in Collin county. Fire and windstorm damages have been taken care of at a minimum of cost, as this company is for protection only. No high salaries for officers, nor heavy running expenses. The premiums for the past 10 years have averaged so little it would surprise you. Mr. Ed Brown is the secretary-treasurer, and everybody knows Ed understands the job. For he served four years as tax collector of Collin county and made a most efficient officer. Jesse Graves is the field agent and adjuster for the company. No one has ever had trouble settling his insurance adjusted satisfactorily with Mr. Graves. Patronize your home company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newberry have returned from Honey Grove, where they spent the holidays.

SAYS THAT HE MAY BE SLAYER OF A DRUGGIST

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 29.—Hickman, the youth who slew Marion Parker, has confessed to officers that he probably was guilty of another murder implicating Wallowhby Hunt, of Alhambra, Calif., as a companion in a number of holdups and in one special robbery Christmas eve, 1926, when Ivy Toms, druggist, was killed.

One of these two youths killed Toms, Hickman said. Hunt has already been arrested and brought to police headquarters.

There has been no charge placed against him, officers grilling him several hours.

In the murder Christmas eve, 1926, two bandits were trapped by Officer James Oliver in the Rose Hill pharmacy in Los Angeles and shot their way out.

Toms, proprietor of a drug store, who was holding his hands above his head, was struck in the chest by a stray bullet. Officer Oliver was wounded in the right arm.

Mrs. Toms, wife of the dead druggist, early today identified Hickman and Hunt as the men who had robbed the drug store.

According to Hickman, Hunt was implicated with him in all his crimes except the kidnapping of Marion Parker.

After maintaining steadily that he would plead guilty and that he was reconciled to death upon the gallows for his admitted slaying of Marion Parker, Hickman suddenly changed front Wednesday afternoon.

J. H. Standifer East Denton Pioneer Died Dec. 20

J. H. Standifer, 66, a resident of the eastern part of Denton county for over half a century, died at his home in the Nave community at 11:30 Tuesday night, Dec. 20, following an illness that extended over several months. He became ill last summer and had been in failing health since. For the past several weeks his condition had been serious and pneumonia, which developed Sunday, hastened his death.

J. H. Standifer was a native of Missouri, and came to Texas when he was 14 years of age. Had been living in the eastern part of the county since. He was married Sept. 12, 1883, to Miss Elizabeth Landrum who died seven years ago. Surviving are two sons, W. E. Standifer of Nave, and Tom E. Standifer of Denton, and three daughters, Mrs. Frank Phillips of Canyon, Miss Leola Standifer of Winifred, Mont., and Miss Minnie Standifer at home. All the children except the daughter in Montana were at his bedside when death came.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22, at the Standifer residence, with Rev. Clinton L. Downen of the McKinney Avenue Methodist church, Dallas, in charge. Special music consisted of a solo by Burney B. Skiles and selections by a group.

Burial was in the Good Hope cemetery. Pallbearers were G. B. Gibbs, Bert Adams, S. J. Spaulding, S. A. Sheridan, Wilson Jones and E. A. Whelan.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Mr. Standifer was a brother-in-law to Mrs. J. B. Ray of McKinney. Mrs. Ray being a sister of Mrs. Standifer. Mrs. Ray and her son, Hansford Ray, and daughter, Miss Ruth Ray, went out to attend the funeral.

Miss Ruby Lee Allen Dies at Little Elm

Miss Ruby Lee Allen, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of Little Elm, died at her home there Thursday morning, Dec. 22, following a short illness of pneumonia. She had just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever when pneumonia set in.

Surviving are her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Little Elm Methodist church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Rev. J. B. Conkrite of Denton in charge. Six cousins of the young lady were pallbearers.

Death Claims Mrs. Lizzie Benson

Mrs. Lizzie Benson passed away at her home in Renner Monday, Dec. 19, following a short illness. Deceased was 65 years of age. She was a member of the Renner Methodist church.

Mrs. Benson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Felix Hallum of Leonard and Mrs. Mattie Wilson of Renner, and by two grandchildren, Little Ruby Lee Wilson of Renner, and Grady Hallum of Leonard.

Funeral services were held in the Renner Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lemons. Burial in Big Springs cemetery.

C. R. Turner, a mighty fine fellow of Princeton, drops in, ordering The Weekly Democrat-Gazette for 1928. Pleased to enroll this good man. Hope he likes our paper.

Miss Carrie Tinning of Fort Worth is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry White.

LONE EAGLE FLIES TOWARD SECOND STOP

HELIZE, British Honduras, Dec. 30.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was sighted over the city at 10 a. m. local time, today.

BARRIOS, Guatemala, Dec. 30.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, en route to British Honduras, passed over Zacapa, Guatemala, at 7:05 a. m. today, a report reaching the Tropical Radio company said.

Zacapa is seventy miles northeast of Guatemala city, which Lindbergh left at 6:21 a. m.

The colonel did not know where his second stop on the Central American tour of good-will would be.

The uncertainty depended on whether the Spirit of St. Louis could be landed at Belize, British Honduras. If he could not be planned to continue on to San Salvador, capital of the republic of the same name.

If the aviator landed in British Honduras he expected to make the flight in three hours' flying time. And if he had to continue his flight to San Salvador he expected to land some seven hours after he took off from Guatemala City.

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Dec. 30.—From morning until night Lindbergh was the honor guest at state and private functions. He visited the presidential house and met diplomats; the chamber of Commerce tendered him a luncheon in between 4 and 6 p. m. The flyer was at the American legation with Minister Arthur Gellssler; at night there was a dinner given by the Rotary club and a dance at the Military club.

BONE SHOE STORE TO OCCUPY ESTES BUILDING SOON

JESSE F. BONE, WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS MAN, ANNOUNCES WILL OPEN SHOE STORE.



JESSE F. BONE.

Another new business institution will open in McKinney shortly after the first of the year, when Jesse F. Bone will be conducted in the Estes building on the north side of the square. The building was formerly occupied by Adam Bond & Co., and has recently been occupied by Finley, Stagner & Malone.

Mr. Bone is a well-known business man of McKinney and for fourteen years has been engaged in the shoe business here. His new store will be known as the Bone Shoe store, and he will carry a complete line of shoes for men, women and every member of the family.

The Estes building will be vacated and carpenters and painters will take charge of the building Monday and remodel the interior. New fixtures and a bright new stock will be placed in the store and the formal opening of the new store will take place as soon as workmen finish the improvements.

Mr. Bone has leased the building for a term of years. The Daily Courier-Gazette and Weekly Democrat-Gazette welcomes this new addition to the business circles of McKinney.

SAME COCKLE BURR PLANT GROWS BOTH BURRS AND THORNS

Dr. H. G. Gould was exhibiting on our streets Wednesday a freak cocklebur plant which was prolifically fruited with burrs of dwarfed sizes.

The peculiarity in this particularly obnoxious weed to the farmers of the county, consisted in its growth of small, sharp thorns not very unlike the smaller thorns that grow on the average thorn tree of native growth in this section.

Dr. Gould was given this freak cocklebur plant by F. M. Lanier of the Roland community, who stated that he got it from a small patch of them growing in his community, the only ones that he knows of, or ever saw before. In fact, we have never seen anyone else either who ever saw such a freak type of pesky cockleburs growing here or anywhere else.

J. M. Long of Princeton, Route 1, has arranged to keep posted on county, state and national news until January 1, 1929. He has just enrolled for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette to that date and also takes the Semi-Weekly Farm News at our special clubbing rate—only \$1.50 for both papers, which is in effect now for only a few days longer.

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CHRISTIANS TO READ MATTHEW PRIOR TO REVIVAL

During the month of January and as a part of the annual pre-Easter revival campaign, the members and friends of the First Christian church will engage in reading the gospel of Matthew.

The slogan will be "A chapter a day keeps the tempter away." Matthew does not contain a chapter per day of January, but this will give the slow reader a chance to catch up.

Many of the Protestant world will engage in this fellowship of reading during January. The American Bible society provides the gospel of Matthew in single copies ranging in price from one cent up to sixty cents per copy. These copies will be offered the worshippers New Year's day at the First Christian church and it is felt a very large number will enter into this reading program. "The entrance of thy word giveth light."

The young people of this church also plan to put one gospel of Matthew into the hands of each Collin county prisoner as well as the inmates at the county farm. The pastor, Dr. Clifford S. Weaver, said every Bible might be used but the single copies are provided because of convenience, being easily held in the hand, carried in lady's handbag or in friend husband's vest pocket.

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WELL-KNOWN McKINNEY CITIZEN APPRECIATES HIS MANY FRIENDS.

L. A. Sears of this city authorizes us to present his candidacy to the Democratic voters for the office of county clerk subject to the primary election to be held July 28, 1928.

To a goodly portion of the citizenship of this county, Mr. Sears is already personally known. He went before the people two years ago as an aspirant for the same office. He made that campaign as fairly and honestly and strictly on his own merits as he knew how, promising if elected to render to the citizenship the most courteous and efficient service of which he was capable. He received a most flattering vote of which he is very proud, but it was not sufficient to win the race.

He deeply appreciated every vote cast for him in the former race as it was a vote of friendship and confidence in his ability to render an acceptable public service. No one in that campaign ever questioned his superb qualifications for the honor. He is fully qualified to take charge of, and perform the many varied duties and responsibilities appertaining to the county clerk's office. In response to a county-wide solicitation of voters in line with his own laudable ambition to serve the people in the capacity of county clerk, he has concluded to again announce his candidacy, and is herewith soliciting your support and influence. He hopes also to see you personally before the campaign closes.

For the past five or six years he has held the responsible position as adjuster with one of the leading Collin county banks. Speaking of his candidacy, one of the most prominent officials of that institution says: "We have found Mr. Sears to be absolutely dependable, capable, uniformly courteous to one and all. He is undoubtedly one of the best qualified men for the particular office, that he is seeking from every standpoint, that I know of. He does things thoroughly and promptly. His broad experience in business dealings with men have afforded him exceptional training that will stand him in good stead as a public official."

Previous to the five or six years' banking service to this bank, Mr. Sears had a two or three-year similar connection with another bank, and was also designated by the state banking commissioner of Texas as liquidating agent for this district, another testimonial of the highest character for Mr. Sears.

As in his former race, Mr. Sears again submits his candidacy strictly upon his own merits and special fitness to discharge the duties of the office in a most acceptable way to the public. He assures the voters, if they elect him, that he will owe the citizenship of the county a debt of such gratitude that will inspire him to redouble his energies in the effort to serve them. He will untiringly put forth his very best efforts to render a public service that his supporters and the people at large of the county will indeed be proud of. We commend Mr. Sears' candidacy to the most careful consideration of every voter and reader.

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43,309 Bales
Cotton Ginned
To December 13

L. R. Dillow, Collin county cotton statistician, reports that a total of 43,309 bales of cotton had been ginned in this county prior to December 13, as compared to 59,376 bales ginned to the corresponding date last year. A late season, coupled with the depredations of cotton insect pests, caused the low yield in Collin county this year.

R. L. RAY IS NOW
SOLE OWNER BONE
& RAY SHOE STORE

A business change in McKinney mercantile circles will take place with the coming of the new year that is of more than ordinary interest.

By mutual consent of both partners, the firm of Bone & Ray, proprietors of the old established shoe store, will be dissolved. J. F. Bone retires from the business, having disposed of his interest to his partner, R. L. Ray, who becomes sole owner. Mr. Ray's son, R. Leonard Ray, will have charge of the business, commencing on the first of the year and conduct it in the future.

The Bone & Ray shoe store has been running under the same ownership and management for the past fourteen years. Jesse F. Bone has been the manager and active head in charge of the business all that period. He has made for himself no small place in the mercantile and business life of McKinney in his successful career in that enterprise. He is owner of a splendid new home and says that his intention is to remain in McKinney. This will be pleasing news to the many friends of himself and his accomplished wife, both in our city and throughout the county.

R. L. Ray, the new owner of the business, is a veteran McKinney life insurance man, who is also a member of the big fire insurance firm of Waller, Ray & Ray. He also has other business and property interests in our city and is regarded as one of our most successful business men. R. L. Ray is also a widely known leader in Baptist denominational activities—especially in B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School circles.

His son, R. Leonard Ray, who becomes the active manager in charge of this old established shoe store business, is a genial young fellow whose smile, cheery disposition and cordial handshake are calculated to win new friends anywhere he goes and to hold them steadfastly as time goes on. He is an ambitious young business man, who is very anxious to hold the good will and high esteem for this old established shoe store that Mr. Bone has largely built up during the years he was in charge of it.

The Daily Courier-Gazette and The Weekly Democrat-Gazette wish the utmost measure of success to R. L. Ray and son in their continued conduct of this well-known and firmly established old McKinney shoe store.

FEAR FORTY LOST
ON TURKISH SHIP

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—Forty lives are feared to have been lost in the sinking of the Turkish steamer *Sivoli* at the entrance of the Gulf of Mudania Monday after collision with the Turkish steamship *Marmara*. The vessel sank within a few minutes. It carried 130 passengers.

Among those missing are two teachers from the American school in Broussa, Anatolia. Norah Ward of England and Mrs. Miller of Switzerland.

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FOR JUSTICE PEACE

R. E. (ED) GEREN PLACES CANDIDACY BEFORE PEOPLE FOR IMPORTANT OFFICE.

Ed Geren authorizes us to place his name in the announcement column of this paper for the office of justice of the peace of the McKinney precinct, subject to the action of the next July Democratic primary. Mr. Geren is one of our county's most widely known and highly esteemed citizens. His recent experience as deputy in the office of the district clerk and other experiences that he has had pre-eminently qualify him for the discharge of the duties of a justice of the peace.

It is said of Mr. Geren that he was one of the best deputy district clerks in the state. He possesses a broadly trained legal mind. He is a man much above the average in intelligence, is courteous, considerate and enjoys accommodating and serving the public in an efficient, satisfactory manner. Should he be elected the ends of justice will truly be in safe and conscientious hands. He submits his candidacy to your earnest consideration in the hope that you may investigate his claims and will decide to give him your vote and influence. If you find him worthy and capable. Whether he may be elected or defeated you can't help but like Ed Geren when you once become well acquainted with him. He will cheerfully bide by your own free choice of action relative to his candidacy and assures you that he wants your good will and friendship even if you can't see your way to vote for him. But he hopes you can.

HOLD IMPRESSIVE
DOUBLE FUNERAL
FOR AUTO VICTIMS

Prof. S. G. Taylor of this city attended the double funeral at the Baptist church in Melissa Tuesday afternoon of Robert Houston Moore and Jesse Herman Porter, the two McKinney youths, who were killed in an auto crash Monday night. The double funeral was held in the Baptist church at Melissa and was conducted by Rev. Joseph Pearce of Greenville, Rev. James T. Wilson of McKinney, Rev. Clinkenbeard of Melissa and Rev. E. S. Ratliff of Fort Worth. The service was a most impressive one and the church edifice could not begin to accommodate the big crowd that attended. Many floral offerings blanketed the biers of the two unfortunate young victims. The body of Robert Houston Moore was laid to rest in the old Highland cemetery, two miles north of Melissa, while the body of Jesse Herman Porter were interred in the Melissa cemetery.

Clifford Dinsmore
And Family Guest
of Relatives Here

Clifford Dinsmore, wife and children of Sherman visited at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wilson Wednesday. Mrs. Dinsmore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones and sister, Miss Florine of Bishop, Texas, were also guests in the Wilson home for the day. Mrs. J. A. Jones was formerly Miss Della Allison, daughter of Scott Allison of this city, where she was born and reared. Clifford Dinsmore is a son of Mrs. T. L. Dinsmore of this city.

TREASURY REFUNDS
\$104,000,000 TAXES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Tax refunds totaling nearly \$104,000,000 made by the Treasury department for taxes illegally collected were made public today by the House Expenditure committee.

A total of 249,000 refunds were made, covering claims granted for several years, including the 1927 fiscal year, ending last June 30. Appropriations to cover the refunds were made by congress.

The refunds totaled \$103,855,687.78. Among the refunds was one of \$71,492.39 to the Sinclair Gulf Oil company, Tulsa, Okla.

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J. C. Andrews, Reed, Okla., sends his \$1.50 check for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette another year. We are mighty glad to retain his name on our subscription list.

700 Passenger
Cars Registered
In This County

Wednesday and Thursday have been busy days in the tax collector's office, according to Tax Collector A. T. Raper, as the rush in registering cars has started. About 700 passenger cars had been registered up to Wednesday night out of approximately 8,000 cars in the county. Mr. Raper urges the people to come in and register their cars and not wait until the last minute.



WITH the world's cheery greeting to 1928, each one of us links the hope that the New Year may bring even greater success.

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MAY BE IN RACE
FOR COMMISSIONER

W. D. Addington, a well-known citizen of the Clear Lake community, is a probable candidate for county commissioner of his district and will probably make his announcement after the first of the year. Mr. Addington has been a citizen of his section for many years and enjoys the confidence and respect of every acquaintance. In case he should seek the office he will command a strong support.

Excellent Cows
From Pecan Grove
Dairy of Jerseys

The Mistletoe creameries of Fort Worth and other points of the state have sold their herd of high bred Jersey cattle to the Texas A. & M. college. The Mistletoe creameries will concentrate their business on buying their raw product instead of producing it. The Mistletoe creameries herd, among others, contains four of the most highly bred and best producing cows which they had purchased from the Pecan Grove dairy at McKinney.

White Billows Flour is made of the choicest soft wheat. Order a sack from your grocer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan have had all of their children with them for a family reunion one day during the Christmas holidays. They enjoyed a big turkey dinner cooked as only mother can cook it, and which fowl was a Christmas gift to the Morgans from their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayse of Route 2, Farmersville. Mr. Morgan's honored father, more than 90 years, who lives with them, was also in this happy family group reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bodeker of Dallas announce the birth of a son, James Kenneth, December 22, in Baylor hospital. The mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Bodeker was, before her marriage, Miss Elva Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett of this city. The proud parents and grandparents are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of their first son and grandson.

Rev. T. F. Hoffman has moved his wife and children from San Antonio to McKinney, where he recently accepted the pastorate of the North McKinney Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Hoffman comes to McKinney highly recommended both as a pastor and as a citizen. He is a man of genial address and pleasing personality, who is sure to prove a decidedly helpful factor to the spiritual, social and civic life of McKinney. Our citizenship in general join with the members of his church in welcoming him to our midst.

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A. Brown, Wylie, Texas, has read the Democrat-Gazette and likes it so well that he renews his allegiance to it for another year. Thanks.

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COMMANDER J. S. DOWELL JR. HEADS DIVISION NO. 34; HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR PROMOTION IN UNITED STATES NAVY

**SON CAPT. J. S. DOWELL BELOVED MCKINNEY
CITIZEN SOON TO BE MADE CAPTAIN IN
THE UNITED STATES NAVY.**

Editor's note—The following sketch of the promotion and career of Commander J. S. Dowell Jr., U. S. N., will prove of great interest to our readers in his old home city and county. The article was prepared and published in "The Light," dated San Diego, Calif., November 26, 1927. The Light is the ship's paper of the U. S. S. Albatross published on board for the crews of the destroyer force fleet, under the direction of Captain Percy W. Foose, U. S. N., Commander J. S. Dowell Jr., who is soon to be promoted to a captaincy in the United States Naval forces, is a son of Capt. J. S. Dowell Sr., a highly esteemed old McKinney citizen.

Commander Dowell was born in this county, reared and educated in McKinney and in Baylor university until his appointment to the United States Naval academy at Annapolis from which institution he graduated.

Like Admiral Henry A. Wiley, present commander-in-chief of the United States Naval forces, Commander Dowell was appointed a cadet to Annapolis from McKinney. We are proud of both of these former McKinney boys who have achieved national distinction in service with the naval forces of our great country.

With this issue the Light completes its program of presenting pictures and biographical sketches of all the division commanders of the destroyer squadrons battle fleet, by publishing this account and accompanying photograph of Commander J. S. Dowell Jr., U. S. N., commander of Division No. 34.

After a fashion, the Light hereby fulfills that biblical prophecy which runs "the first shall be last."

S. S. Mayflower during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft, and on that ship was promoted to lieutenant, junior grade and lieutenant.

Then followed a year and a half as student naval attaché at the American embassy in Berlin, from which assignment he returned, in June, 1913, for six months of duty as executive officer of the U. S. S. Cassin, while that vessel was being put in commission and making its shakedown cruise. Admiral W. S. Sims, U. S. N., then captain, was flotilla commander at the time.

In November, 1913, he was ordered to the U. S. S. Texas, then going in commission, and for almost two years was a turret officer on the new battleship. From there, in July, 1915, he went to duty as gunnery officer of the U. S. S. Minnesota and was shifted after three months to the post of gunnery officer of the U. S. S. Wyoming, whose commanding officer was Captain Wiley, now Admiral Wiley, commander-in-chief, U. S. fleet. Commander Dowell, then a lieutenant commander, remained on the Wyoming until November, 1917, at which time he became gunnery officer of the U. S. S. Mississippi, just going in commission, where he remained for almost a year.

In September, 1918, he was moved up to the important post of force gunnery officer, Battleship Force No. 1, Atlantic fleet, on the staff of Admiral A. W. Grant, and on going to that position he became the relief of our present chief of staff in the destroyer squadrons, Captain H. E. Leary, U. S. N.

Admiral Grant was succeeded by Admiral Rodman and Commander Dowell remained for a short time on his staff before going to work of ordnance superintendent at the New York Navy yard. That shore tour, coming after fourteen years of continuous sea duty, interrupted only by the assignment at the embassy in Berlin, lasted a bit over two years, when, in October, 1921, he returned to the U. S. S. Texas, which he had helped put in commission eight years before. Then he had been turret officer. Now he returned as executive officer and remained for a year, until shifted to a cruise of a year and a half as commanding officer of the submarine tender, U. S. S. Canopus.

He left the Canopus to go ashore to ammunition depot in Puget Sound and from there came to the Thirty-Fourth Division.

His many friends and old shipmates in the destroyer squadrons wish him continued success in his work as commander destroyer Division Thirty-Four and rejoice in the fact that he has been recently selected for promotion to captain. Just last week he took his examinations for that shift to the "four-stripe" rank and it is sincerely hoped that in a very short time his new commission will be forded to him.

Miss Eula Hunter, who teaches in one of the Fort Worth High schools, has returned home after spending a portion of the holidays visiting at the home of her cousins, former county tax collector, Henry E. Morgan and wife in this city. While she was here, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan gave a dinner in her honor at which her brother, Dr. J. E. Hunter and son were also guests. Miss Hunter was a former teacher in the McKinney High school. She is now making her arrangements to attend the National Educational association convention in Boston in February, she being an official in that great educational organization.

STATE PLANS TO CONNECT YOUTH WITH OTHER CRIMES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 31.—The state of California pressed its efforts to send William Edward Hickman to the gallows by attempt to connect him with a series of unsolved crimes on the Pacific coast.

While persistent reports were circulated that Hickman's attorney, Jerome Walsh, had decided upon an insanity defense as the most likely escape from the death penalty, the district attorney's office started a diligent search of crimes which might be traced to Hickman, thus establishing a career in crime as an answer to the insanity plea.

Hickman already has confessed kidnapping and killing the 12-year-old Marion Parker—the crime which brought about his apprehension—and has admitted participating with his bandit pal, Welby Hunt, in the killing of Ivy Thomas in a drug store holdup.

But authorities now believe they may be able to connect Hickman and Hunt with other crimes and are speeding their efforts in hope of presenting concrete evidence along these lines to the grand jury which convenes Tuesday for the purpose of returning murder indictments against Hickman.

One of the crimes into which authorities have delved is the killing of Patrolman P. L. Bennett, who was shot through the heart on the evening of Dec. 25, 1926, as he attempted to arrest a man, who held up a millinery store. Hickman has confessed a series of small burglaries about that date, and witnesses to the killing have advised authorities Hickman "very much resembles" the slayer of Bennett.

The death of A. R. Driskell, Hunt's stepgrandfather, also is to be fully investigated. He came to his death apparently by suicide last May when he was supposed to have jumped from a high bridge at Pasadena, Cal. Both Hickman and Hunt lived with Driskell at the time and records show Driskell had withdrawn a large sum of money from his bank shortly before his death. The money never was found.

Meanwhile, the district attorney's office continued its efforts to connect Hunt with the abduction and murder of Marion Parker, despite the fact Hunt denies any part in that crime and Hickman insists Hunt's denial is correct.

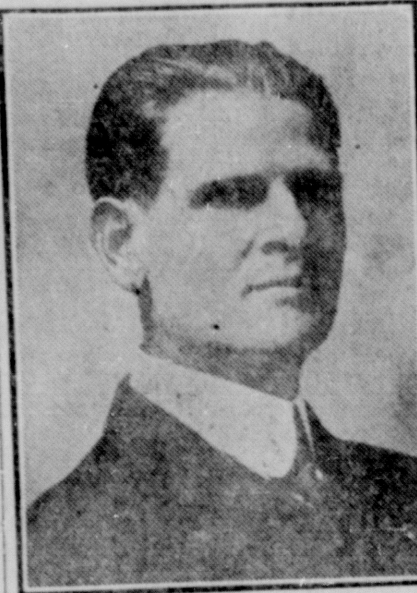
Also a request has come from Texas authorities to establish the whereabouts of Hickman at the time the body of an unidentified girl was found strangled to death near Fredericksburg, Texas. The Texas officers have been asked for more complete details.

Mrs. G. H. Dowlen is a patient in the McKinney City hospital in which institution she underwent a very serious surgical operation about ten days or two weeks ago. She is still seriously ill, but the many friends of the family are hoping that her condition may make faster improvement in the future, and that she may soon be able to return to her home again. Mrs. Dowlen is the wife of G. H. Dowlen, a veteran, retired McKinney contractor.

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James P. Thomas, of the McKinney post office, is back at his accustomed place again after a seven or eight days' absence on account of illness. Mr. Thomas began his duties as postal clerk in the McKinney office in July, 1903. This was the first time in his 25 years' service that he had been absent on sick leave of himself. Mr. Thomas is a son of the late James W. Thomas, McKinney's first newspaper publisher and postmaster under the administration of four or five different presidents. Jim Thomas is not only efficient in Uncle Sam's postal department, but also accepts his full share of responsibility as a citizen in civic and fraternal circles. He is a leader in poultry association circles works for the success of our county fairs and is a loyal supporter of his local Chamber of Commerce.

MRS. PEYTON ADAMS READS BEAUTIFUL POEM AT BANQUET

The following beautiful and pleasing address was delivered by Mrs. E. Peyton Adams greeting the wives and sweethearts of our fire boys, this being the first time they had ever been present, at the annual banquet at the First Christian church, Thursday night, Dec. 29:

There runs some old adage
That are worth while and clever.
One I'm sure you know it,
"Better late than never."

And another I think of
And for it, we thank the fates,
With this one, too, you are familiar
Everything comes to her who waits.

For all these years we have heard
Of the fireman's banquets—the
greatest in creation.
We wives have often wondered,
Why we didn't get an invitation.

On banquet nights we've stayed at home
(Tho' to be with you one's heart
did yearn.)
And kept the home fires burning,
So the house would be warm on his return.

We've kept up all the corners,
We've answered the "Hurry Calls,"
We've walked the crying babies,
Up and down the long dark halls.

We have sung, Oh! hush a-baby

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Selecting The Breeders

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If you are trapping, you are going to place the best layers in your breeding pen. Even among good layers it is necessary to discard such individuals as do not measure up to their respective breed standards. A Barred Plymouth Rock, otherwise the bird must be discarded regardless of trapnest records. Breed characteristics must be maintained at all cost.

Vigor and Vitality.

Vigor and vitality are important requirements in the breeding pen. The chick is no better than the parents, weak parents will produce weak baby chicks. The male bird that can crow the loudest and longest, can put up the best fight, is the most gallant, of good size, type and color is a desirable bird to head the breeding pen. He must be healthy, strong, well developed and vigorous. He should also, if possible, come from an equally as good hen, with a high egg record. In the case of breeds like Leghorns use males from hens with records of 240 on up. In the case of Rocks and other

er similar breeds use a male from hens with records of 200 and up. Remember heavy laying hens do not come about by accident. Remember you must first breed egg-producer into a flock before you can hope to feed it out.

Number You Get.

That may be a mean question to ask of anyone right now so soon after a cold spell, still it is an all important question. You breed egg-production into chickens just like you breed speed into horses. If you have some real top notch layers, place them in the breeding pen. Breed from hens that possess some of the following characteristics:

Are late moulters, moulting as late as November and December, this in reference to hens not pullets.

Do not go broody often or better not more than twice a year.

Laid at least 20 eggs in January, as pullets and started to lay early, say when of more than 6 months old.

Lay eggs of good size and color averaging at least 24 ounces to the dozen.

Are winter layers and as pullets laid right on through December and January. One good way to get winter layers is to hatch from hens that lay in the winter time.

Daddy's gone to the fireman's banquet dear,
Dry your eyes, for when he comes home,
He mustn't see a tear.

We have been Oh! so uneasy,
For fear a fire alarm would call
Our brave and noble husbands
From the gay and festive banquet hall.

We keep their boots all clean and ready,
To protect him from the heat.
And his coat just ready to leap into,
To guard him from the snow and sleet.

We have been so appreciative,
Of what these organizations have done for you
For we know more than anyone else,
Of your sacrifice and the good you always do.

Now our patience has been rewarded
And the adages I spoke of have come true,
When came the welcome information
The wives were included in the banquet too.

Words are too few to express to you
Our appreciation of this invitation,
I voice the sentiment of all the rest
We're the happiest wives in this nation.

We are happy of the glad event,
When we can celebrate and come here with our own.
You have filled our hearts with merriment
And we want to make our gladness known.

This occasion is one of happiness.
And the memory of it with us will remain,
And we trust we will all be here
When this glad day comes again.

And here's to the firemen,
Married and single,
We wish you much joy and a happy New Year
May you drink deep of the cup that does not intoxicate,
But the cup that brings joy and good cheer.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you had a Merry Christmas. Now we wish you a prosperous New Year. Try our sandwiches. They're fine. OLYMPIA, West side square. Just a little better service.

Prof. J. S. Carlisle, superintendent of McKinney public schools, is quite ill at his home on North College street. However, he was reported some better Monday. Prof. Carlisle has scores of friends in this county and elsewhere, who deeply regret to hear of his illness, but wish for his early restoration to his usual good health again.

Miss Nola Bess Klutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Klutz of this city, left Sunday for Denton to re-enter the College of Industrial Arts after spending the holidays in this city with her parents.

Mrs. L. Angel, McKinney, Route 6, renews for the Weekly Democrat-Gazette for another year. Thanks.

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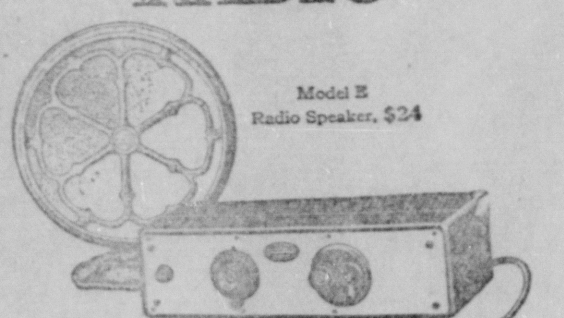
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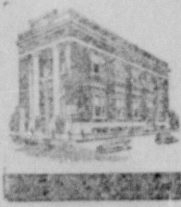
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